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#### SUPERFUND TREATABILITY CLEARINGHOUSE ABSTRACT

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Site Name: Acme Solvents Site (NPL)

Location of Test: Rockford, IL

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: This is a site assessment and feasibility study of incineration alternatives at the ACME Solvents Site at Rockford, Illinois. The document contains laboratory results that are reported to simulate incineration conditions but no details on test methods were provided.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION: The document summarizes the geophysical investigation, the delineation of the contaminated zones and their volumes and the sampling locations. Out of 43 samples taken at 18 locations, 20 were selected to be sent to an environmental laboratory for analysis of percent moisture (volatiles), percent ash, total chloride, total sulfur, Btu value and total PCBs. Two samples were analyzed for organic priority pollutants, pesticides and PCBs. No details on test methods were provided. Details on the soil matrix of each sample were summarized (the majority are silty soil). The ash from each of the 20 samples was analyzed for EP toxic metals. The data from these 20 samples is summarized as well as the more complete analysis results from the two samples.

This basic data was used in an analysis of feasibility, costs and relative merits of off-site and onsite incineration of the contaminated site material. Specific alternatives are costed for an onsite rotary kiln and an off-site rotary kiln.

PERFORMANCE: The laboratory test on the soil for EP toxicity showed the resulting ash/decontaminated soil was consistently well below EPA limits for hazardous wastes classification. Heavy metal levels in the decontaminated ash ranged from a high of 2.26 mg/l for Cr to a low of less than .009 mg/l for Se. All were well below the EP toxicity levels defined in 40 CFR 261.4 except for chromium which is about 50% of the allowed EP toxicity level of 5 mg/l. PCBs were reduced from 3600 to less than 4 ug/kg dry. There are no details provided on the laboratory incineration process, sampling protocols, QA/QC protocols or conclusions.

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NOTE: Quality assurance of data may not be appropriate for all uses.

The economic analysis comparing onsite and off-site incineration showed onsite incineration could be accomplished at one-third the cost and with the same implementation time as the off-site incineration.

# **CONTAMINANTS:**

Analytical data is provided in the treatability study report. The breakdown of the contaminants by treatability group is:

Treatability Group	CAS Number	Contaminants
WO2-Dioxins/Furans/PCBs	12674-11-2 11096-82-5	PCB-1016 PCB-1260
W05-Halogenated Cyclic Aliphatics/Ethers/ Esters/Ketones	57-74-9 58-89-9	Chlordane Gamma-BHC(Lindane)
WO8-Polynuclear Aromatics	83-32-9 91-20-3 85-01-8 86-73-7	Acenaphthene Naphthalene Phenanthrene Fluorene
W09-Other Polar Organic Compounds	117-81-7 85-68-7 84-74-2 117-84-0 78-59-1 108-95-2	Bis(2-ethyhexyl)phthalate Butylbenzylphthalate Di-n-butylphthalate Di-n-octylphthalate Isophorene Phenol
W10-Non-Volatile Metals	7440-39-3	Barium
W11-Volatile Metals	7439-92-1 7439-97-6 7440-22-4 7440-43-9	Lead Mercury Silver Cadmium

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1.0 DESCRIPTION OF FIELD ACTIVITIES/METHODOLOGY

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The final scope of field activities was defined via telephone conversations between ESE and representatives of the <a href="Acme Solvents">Acme Solvents</a>
Steering Committee. A work plan, sampling plan, and health and safety
plan were developed and revised concurrently with the mobilization for the field effort. The field activities included the following:

- 1. Establishing a site grid;
- 2. Performing ground penetrating radar (GPR), magnetometer, and terrain conductivity surveys; and
- 3. Performing a boring and soil sampling program.

Boring logs and analytical results are presented in Appendices A and B, respectively.

#### 1.1 GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION

The grid established by E.C. Jordan for their RI effort was found and re-marked in order to perform the geophysical surveys.

#### 1.2 SOIL SAMPLING

Based on results obtained during the GPR survey and the distribution of the mounds, a series of 18 boreholes were located at the site. All sample locations were further screened using a magnetic gradiometer and metal detector to avoid the safety and mechanical hazards of drilling into buried drums. Acceptable locations were limited due to the large amount of metallic signatures detected with these instruments, however a representative coverage of the "mounds" and surrounding areas of concern was established.

Samples were collected using a standard 24-inch split-spoon sampler.

The split-spoon was driven at 2-foot intervals into bedrock until refusal was encountered. At each location, the sample was removed from

the sampler, placed on a sheet of aluminum foil, and divided into sections when appropriate. The sections were measured for total organic vapors then wrapped in foil and labeled for later reference (i.e. split-spoon number three was labeled SS-3; if there were more than one soil/waste layer per split-spoon they were labeled SS-3A, SS-3B, SS-3C, etc.). All labeled and wrapped core sections were kept chilled in coolers. The entire core material at the end of sampling at each location was composited according to visual characteristics and total organic vapors. The composited samples were labeled and placed in wide-mouth glass jars with Teflon-lined lids and packed on ice in coolers. Bedrock was sealed from borehole contamination by pouring granular bentonite downhole to at least 2 feet above the soil/bedrock interface. A granular bentonite cap was installed at the top of the borehole to prevent downhole contamination.

Decontamination took place between each borehole location. All augers, drilling rods, tools, and split-spoon samplers were pressure washed with a steam cleaner. The split-spoons were steam cleaned a second time on a separate decontamination pad, then left to air dry before assembling. The water used for decontamination was analyzed for TOC and TOX. The values obtained were 72.1 mg/l TOC and 20 ug/l TOX.

During sampling, the ESE Site Safety Officer and one ESE team member were continually monitoring with explosimeter and photoionization detectors. When handling the samples, respirators were worn by ESE team members whenever the photoionization meter detected organic vapors exceeding 1 ppm. The drillers generally would begin drilling without respirators and put on respirators when photoionization readings exceeded 1 ppm in their breathing zone.

#### 2.0 DATA SUMMARY

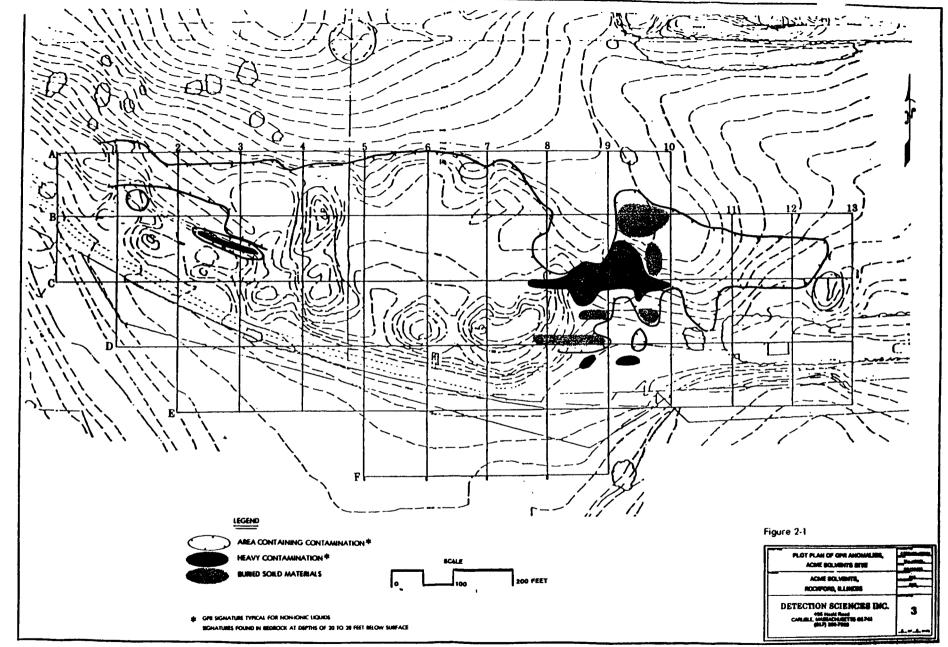
#### 2.1 GEOPHYSICAL INVESTIGATION

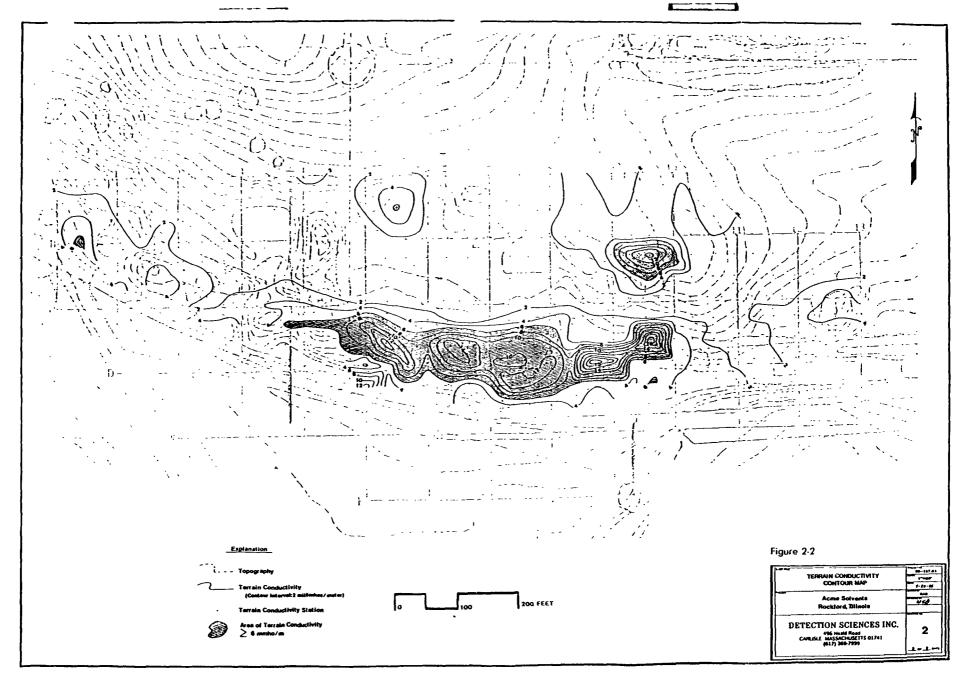
Figures 2-1, 2-2, and 2-3 represent the data, plotted on the map grid, obtained by GPR, terrain conductivity, and magnetometer, respectively.

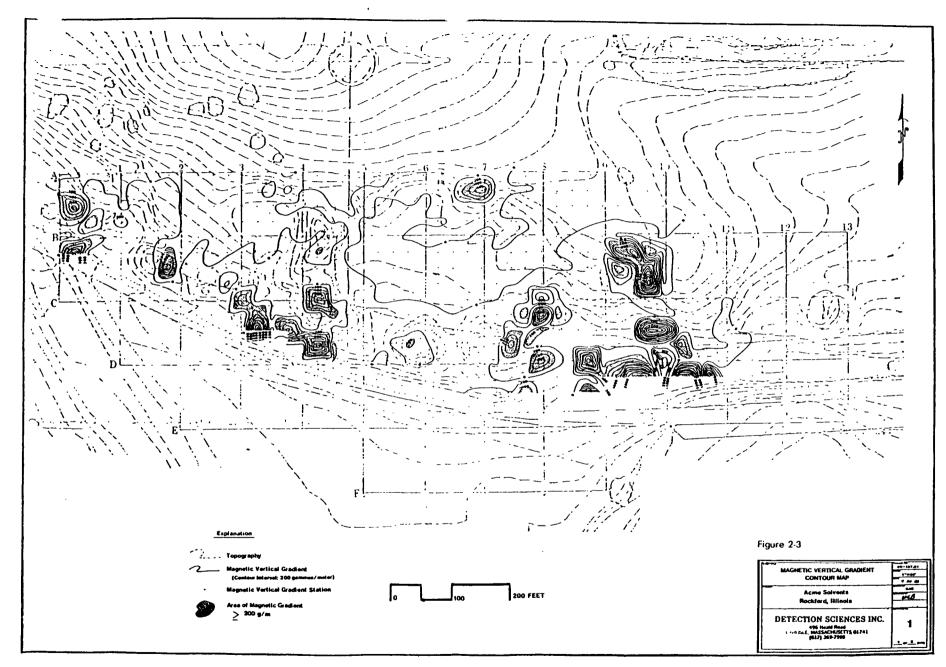
The GPR survey lines are shown on Figure 2-4. Survey lines were not run completely across the mounds. The GPR antenna must be pulled behind a vehicle. Instead, the antenna was placed by hand up on the mounds and pulled down the slopes. In all cases, there was no penetration until the antenna reached the base of the mounds. The GPR did identify other areas of buried solid materials and areas containing liquid contamination. The areas of buried solid materials agree well with the magnetometer survey and are likely to contain metallic materials. The areas containing liquid and/or sludge contamination (outside of the mound areas) shown on Figure 2-1 reside in the dolomite bedrock at depth ranging from 20 to 28 feet below the surface, above a layer that is presumed to be less permeable (fractured). In some of the more highly contaminated areas, the contamination has followed fracture lines below the less permeable bedrock layers.

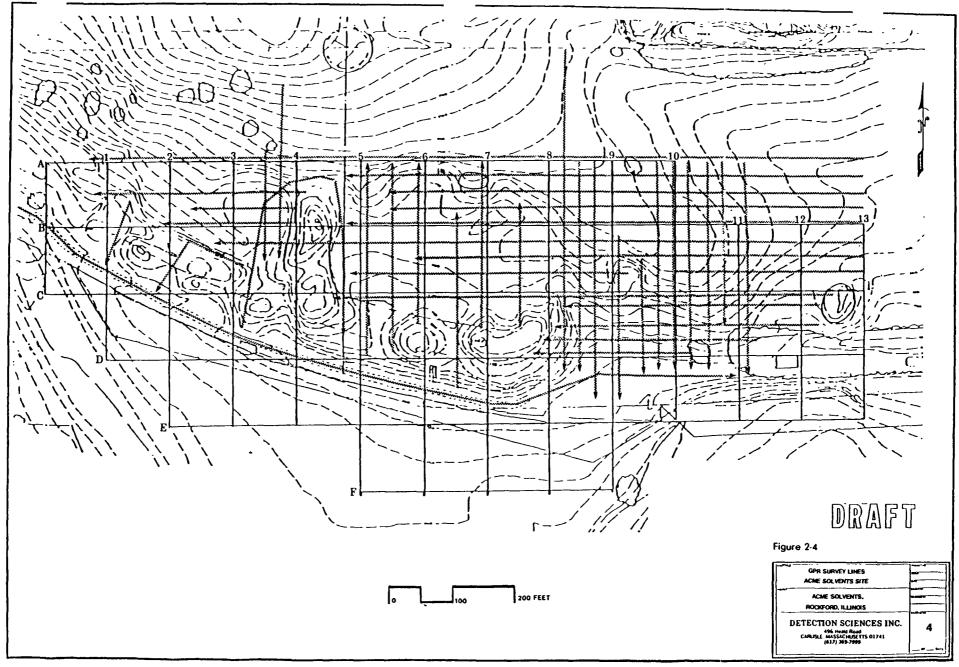
The terrain conductivity measurements generally were higher in the areas of the mounds and other burial areas where metal is suspected. The two main areas of high measurements, other than the mounds, are a drum burial area between lines B and C at 9+00 to 10+00 and the area between C and D at 8+00 to 10+00 which both GPR and magnetometer show as an area where there is buried metal (see Figure 2-2). The lack of conductivity anomalies in the mounds between end lines A and C and 4+00 and 5+00 is puzzling in that the GPR could not penetrate these mounds either, and the boring program indicated that sludges are present.

The magnetometer survey indicates the burial of metallic materials at various locations around the site. Generally the locations were





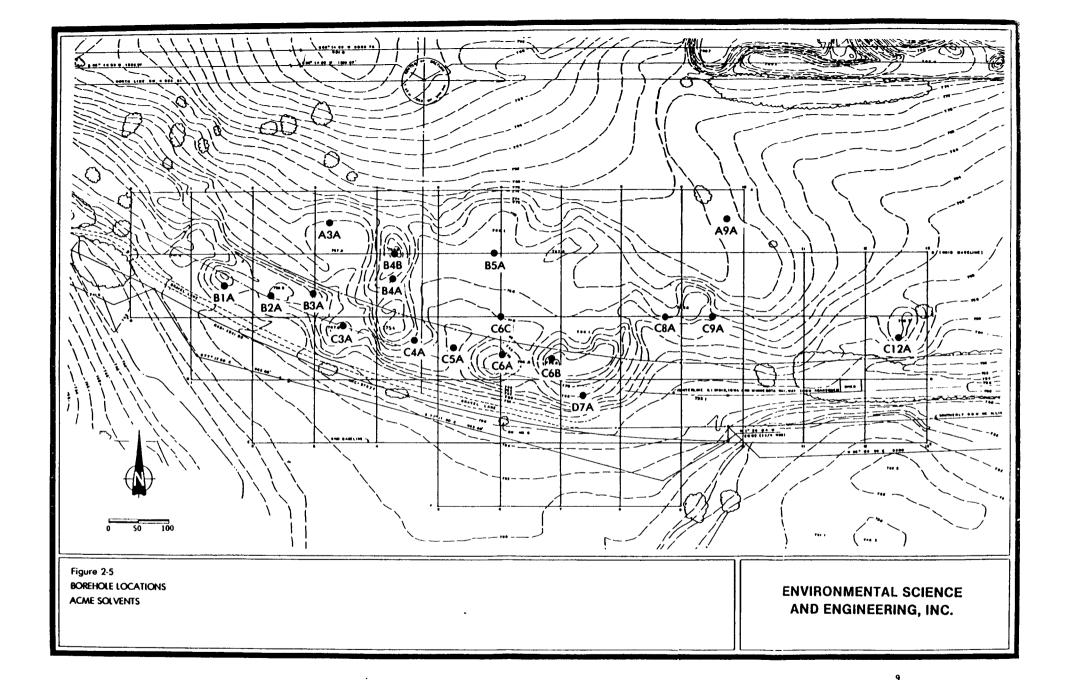




compatible with the GPR data. Contour lines in some areas are incomplete due to interference caused by either fence lines or power lines. Symmetry of these areas was assumed to calculate total area.

#### 2.2 SOIL ANALYSES

A total of 43 soil samples from 18 locations were obtained. Eleven of the borings were located on the mounds, and multiple samples (between two and four) were taken from each location (Figure 2-5). A summary of the samples obtained are given in Table 2-1. Of these samples, 20 were sent to Environmental Analysis, Inc. (EA) for analysis of percent moisture (volatiles), percent ash, total chloride, total sulfur, Btu value, and total PCBs. The ash from each of the 20 samples was analyzed for EP Toxic metals. These results are presented in Table 2-2. In addition, two samples (B4B-02 and C6B-02) were analyzed for EP toxic metals and organic priority pollutants and the ash from these two samples were being analyzed for organic priority pollutants with the exception of volatiles. Results from these two samples are presented in Table 2-3. We have repeated the results of EP toxic metals for the ashes for these two samples in the table, for comparison purposes.



3.0 <u>DETERMINATION OF ELEVATED CONTAMINATION ZONES</u>

AND INCINERATION OPTIONS

Table 2-1. Summary of Borehole Logs

Borehole Number	Borehole Sample Number	Depth Interval (feet)	Description	Remarks
B4A	B4A-01	0-4.0	Dark brown silt and fine to medium sand, slight fine gravel, small piece of light gray sludge	Fill, very slight sludge. HNU = 20 ppm on sludge.
	<b>B4A-</b> 02	4-8.0	Black to brown silt and sand slight rust/brown staining, slight dark gray dry sludge	Fill, slight sludge. HNU = 100 ppm on sludge.
	B4A-03	8-13.2	Light brown, brown, green/gray sand, slight silty, slight gravel	Fill, no visible sludge. HNU at background.
B4B	B4B-01	0-6.0	Brown silt, sand, fine gravel, very slight possibly dark gray sludge	Fill, very slight possible sludge. No HNU reading.
	B4B-02	6-13.5	Brown sand and gravel, dark gray wet sludge, sand saturated with solvent and slight blue pigment 10-13.5'	Fill, sludge, pigment. HNU range 50 to 120 ppm.
C4A	C4A-01	0-4.0	Brown clay, silt, slight sand, some dolomite fragments, occasional gravel	Fill, no visible contamination. HNU at background.
	C4A-02	4-9.5	As above, slight gray sludge saturation	Fill, slight sludge. HNU = 80 to 100 ppm.
•	C4A-03	9.5–12.2	Weathered dolomite bedrock, highly fractured	Bedrock. HNU = 10 to 30 ppm
C6A	<b>0</b> 5A-01	0-7.8	Brown silt, fine to coarse sand, slight gravel, occasional dolomite fragments, some staining	Fill, some staining. HNU = 1 to 3 ppm.
	OSA-02	7.8-12.8	Silt, fine sand, gray sludge	Fill, sludge. HNU = 200 to 300 ppm on sludge.
	06A-03	12.8-14.2	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock.

Table 2-1. Summary of Borehole Logs (Continued, Page 2 of 4)

Borehole Number	Borehole Sample Number	Depth Interval (feet)	Description	Remarks
C6B	O6B-01	4–8.0	Silt, fine sand, slight gravel, moist, slight black staining, lighter fluid odor	Fill, slight staining. HNU = 3 to 30 ppm.
	C6B-02	8-14	Silt, sand, slight gravel, gray staining, solvent satura- tion, slight gray sludge	Fill, slight sludge and staining. HNU = 50 to 100 ppm.
	O6B-03	16-18.3	Silty sand with slight gravel, possibly native, stained gray in areas, very moist	Possibly native material, slight staining. HNU = 30 ppm.
	O6B-04	18.3-21.1	Brown fine to medium sand, moist, dolomite fragments, igneous erratic	Possibly native material, bedrock. HNU = 5 to 10 ppm.
D7A	D7A-01	0-10.0	Brown silt, fine sand, occasional fine to medium gravel, saturated in areas	Fill, solvent, oil, paint odors. HNU = 2 to 60 ppm.
	D7A-02	10-16.0	Brown silt, fine sand, occasional fine to medium gravel, pieces of red, yellow, green, blue pigments/sludge	Fill, pigments, sludge. HNU = 60 to 210 ppm
	D7A-03	18-21.0	Fine to coarse sand, fine to medium gravel, occasional rock fragment, slight gray sludge	Fill, slight sludge HNU = 5 to 50 ppm.
	D7A-04	21-22.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU = 5 ppm.
C5A	C5A-01	0-6.0	Very dark brown fine sand, some silty layers, occasional dolomite fragment, moist	Fill, no visible contamination. HNU at background.
	C5A-02	6-9.6	Brown silty sand, slight gravel, slight dolomite fragments, wet, solvent odor	Fill, solvent saturation. HNU = 200 ppm.
	C5A-03	9.6-11.3	Weathered dolomite bedrock, staining in fractures 10 to 10.5'	Bedrock. HNU=120 to 200 ppm.

Table 2-1. Summary of Borehole Logs (Continued, Page 3 of 4)

F Borehole Number	Borehole Sample Number	Depth Interval (feet)	Description	Remarks
B2A	B2A-01	0-4.5	Brown silt, sand, slight fine gravel, occasional dolomite fragment, gray sludge, black staining, red/brown oily granular sludge	Fill, sludge, staining. HNU=200 to 300 ppm. LEL reading 20%.
	B2A-02	4.5-6.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU = 210 ppm.
BIA	B1A-01	0-6.0	Brown silt, sand, occasional fine gravel, black staining, piece of black rubber	Fill, staining. HNU = 1 to 180 ppm.
	B1A-02	6-9.5	Soft, wet, gray sludge with slight sand	Sludge. HNU = 300 ppm.
	B1A-03	9.5–12.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU = 150 ppm.
СЗА	C3A-01	0-2.0	Brown silt, sand, slight clay, fine to medium gravel, occasional dolomite fragments	Fill. HNU at background.
	C3A-02	2-14.5	Wet gray sludge, very soft, slightly sandy, slight black, yellow, green, blue "dry" paints, sponge-like	Sludge, pigments. HNU=150 to 250 ppm.
	C3A-03	14.5-16.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU = 300 ppm.
C12A	C12A-01	0-2.0	Dark brown silt, sand, slightly moist, no visible contamination	Fill, no visible contamination. HNU at background.
	C12A-02	2-12.8	Brown silt and sand, solvent saturation, gray sludge, slight pink sludge, black staining	Fill, sludge, pigments. HNU = 20 to 300 ppm
	C12A-03	12.8-14.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU = 300 ppm.

Table 2-1. Summary of Borehole Logs (Continued, Page 4 of 4)

Borehole Number	Borehole Sample Number	Depth Interval (feet)	Description	Remarks
C8A	C8A-01	0-2.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 2-inch soil, original material	HNU at background.
	C8A-02	0-2.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 3-inch soil, original material	HNU at background.
	C8A-03	0-2.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 2-inch soil, original material	HNU at background.
<b>0</b> 6C	06C-01	0-2.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 3-inch soil	Spoon in bouncing or solid material. HNU at background.
B5A	B5A-01	0-0.8	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 2-inch soil	Refusal at 0.8 feet HNU at background.
A3A	A3A-01	0–2	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 2-inch soil	Spoon bouncing on bedrock. HNU at background.
вза	B3A-01	0-1.8	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 4-inch soil	Refusal at 1.8 feet HNU at background.
C9A	C9A-01	0-2.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock, 2-inch soil	HNU at background.
A9A	A9A-01	0-2.7	Very dark brown silty fine sand, loose, moist, native	Possibly native material. HNU at background.
	<b>A</b> 9A <b>-</b> 02	2.7-4.6	Brown silty till, stiff, fine sand, occasional fine to medium gravel, dry	Native material. HNU at background.
	<b>A9A-</b> 03	4.6-6.0	Weathered dolomite bedrock	Bedrock. HNU at background.

Source: ESE, 1985.

Table 2-2. Report of Incineration Analyses of Soil/Sludge Samples Collected at the Acme Solvents Site, September 1985

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Parameter	B4A-U2	B4A-03	B4B-01	B4B-02	C4A-01	C4A-02	05A-01	C5A-02	OSB-02	O6B-04	D7A-01	D7A-02	C5A-02	B2A-01	BlA-Ol	B1A-02	C3A-02	C12A-02	B3A-01	A9A-0
Volatiles (@ 104 C) % w/w	7.79	4.45	7.44	14.99	6.67	14.42	8.24	9.96	13.72	3.76	15.93	14.81	11.78	19.38	10.36	26.19	41.16	15.01	7.50	15.9
Ash, non-vol @ 1000 C % w/w	82.83	75.09	74.42	70.00	84.37	77.54	78.33	61.56	75.22	72.10	78.97	71.03	67.53	55.32	76.63	51.72	21.22	81 .44	56,98	80.1
Total chloride, % w/w	11.0	0.76	0.69	0.96	0.68	0.99	0.59	0.97	0.58	0.72	0.24	0.28	0.06	1.05	0.60	0.09	0.08	0.51	0.46	0.6
Total sulfur, X w/w	0.24	0.03	0.36	0.04	0.01	0.06	0.09	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.04	0.46	0.06	0.14	0.02	0.07	0.27	0.04	0.02	0.0
Btu Value, Btu/lb	<10	<10	94	<10	1346	587	<10	434	702	<10	337	5758	618	1311	693	2119	5573	202	<10	47
PCB, mg PCB/kg	0.43	<0.05	0.65	2.5	<0.05	7.9	0.09	1.8	2.6	<0.05	1.8	13.0	2.6	232	7.5	8.0	102	0.64	<0.05	<0.0
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EP Toxicity, Test Method No.	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.
Silver, mg Ag/l	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.
Arsenic, mg As/l	0.009	0.011	0.013	<0.005	0.006	0.049	0.066	0.006	0.011	0.005	0.014	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	0.040	<0.005	0.005	<0.005	0.0
Barium, mg Ba/l	0.13	0.25	0.16	0.26	0.11	0.31	0.16	0.42	0.29	0.49	0.40	1.23	0.60	0.68	0.19	0.28	0.27	0.16	0.56	0.0
Cadmium, mg Cd/l	0.015	0.015	0.012	0.013	0.010	0.013	0.014	0.017	0.010	0.019	0.273	0.017	0.030	0.014	0.013	0.012	0.010	0.003	0.017	0.0
Chromium, (total) mg Cr/l	0.100	0.088	0.114	0.375	0.102	0.271	0.077	0.103	0.401	0.082	0.124	0.466	0.310	1.19	0.074	1.96	2.26	0.031	0.088	0.0
Chromium, (hex.) mg Cr/l	0.060	0.021	<0.005	0.375	0.038	0.209	0.034	0.041	0.400	<0.005	0.124	0.466	0.310	1.19	0.039	1.96	0.725	0.024	0.038	<0.0
Hercury, mg Hg/l	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.002	<0.0
Lead, mg Pb/i	<0.10	0.56	0.27	0.23	0.78	<0.10	<0.10	0.39	<0.10	0.32	<0.10	0.57	0.42	0.22	0.26	0.19	0.19	0.10	0.29	<0.
Selenium, mg Se/l	0.009	<b>40.005</b>	<0.005	0.006	0.007	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	0.008	0.027	0.006	0.101	0.007	0.012	0.044	<0.005	0.014	<b>(0</b> ,0

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated as Type 1254, however sample contains patterns characteristic of Aroclors 1242 thru 1260.

Source: Environmental Analysis, 1985.

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Table 2-3. Analytical Results on Samples B4B-02 and C6B-02 and Their Ash

Parameter	Soil B4B-02	Ash B4B-02	Soil C6B-02	Ash C6B-02
7-1-x:1 (0.10/.c) %/	17.00	N/A	12 72	AT A
Volatiles (@ 104 C) % w/w	14.99 70.00	NA NA	13.72 75.22	NA NA
Ash, non,vol @ 1000 C % w/w Total chloride, % w/w	0.96	NA NA	0.58	NA NA
Total sulfur, % w/w	0.04	NA NA	0.03	NA NA
Stu value, Btu/lb	<10	NA NA	702	NA NA
CCB, mg PCB/kg	2.5	NA NA	2.6	NA NA
Sype	1254*	NA NA	1254*	NA NA
p toxicity, test method no.	261.24	261.24	261.24	261.24
Silver, mg Ag/l	0.027	.01	0.011	<0.01
Arsenic, mg As/l	<0.005	<0.005	<0.005	0.011
Barium, mg Ba/l	0.87	0.26	0.69	0.29
Cadmium, mg Cd/l	0.057	0.013	0.018	0.010
Chromium, (total) mg Cr/l	0.274	0.375	0.024	0.401
Chromium, (hex.) mg Cr/l	0.255	0.375	0.024	0.401
dercury, mg Hg/l	0.002	<0.002	0.002	<0.002
ead, mg Pb/l	0.83	0.23	<0.10	<0.10
elenium, mg Se/l	<0.005	0.006	<0.005	<0.005
loisture (% wet wt)	16.3	NA	13.9	NA
olatiles				
Acrolein, sed ug/kg-dry	<2300	NA	<1600	NA
Acrylonitrile, sed ug/kg-dry	<2300	NA	<1600	NA
Benzene, sed ug/kg-dry	2600	NA	720	NA
Bromomethane, sd ug/kg-dry	<200	NA	<150	NA
Bromodichloromethane,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<130	NA	<92	NA
Bromoform, sed ug/kg-dry	<310	NA	<230	NA
Carbon tetrachloride,			_	
sd ug/kg-dry	<100	NA	(72	NA
Chlorobenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	<7600	NA	<3500	NA
Chloroethane, sed ug/kg-dry 2-chl'ethylvinlether,	<430	NA	<310	NA
sd ug/kg-dry	<1300	NA	<880	NA
Chloroform, sed ug/kg-dry	<180	NA	<87	NA
Chloromethane, sed ug/kg-dry	<160	NA	<110	NA
Dibromochloromethane,				

<sup>\*</sup> Calculated as Type 1254, however, sample contains patterns characteristic of Aroclors 1242 thru 1260.

.Table 2-3. Analytical Results on Samples B4B-02 and C6B-02 and Their Ash (Continued, Page 2 of 5)

r Parameter	Soi1 B4B-02	Ash B4B-02	Soil C6B-02	Ash C6B-02
Dichl'difluo'methane,				
sd ug/kg-dry	1700	NA	1200	NA
l,l-dichl'ethane,			•••	
sed ug/kg-dry	<110	NA	<81	NA
1,2-dichloroethane,	** * *		40.	
sd ug/kg-dry	<110	NA	<81	NA
l,l-dichl'ehtene,	•			
sed ug/kg-dry	850	NA	<150	N.
T-1,2-dichloroethene,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<180	NA	<140	N.
l,2-dichloropropane,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<200	NA	<290	N.
CIS-1,3-dich'propene,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<610	NA	<440	N
T-1,2-dich'propene,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<670	NA	490	N
Ethylbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	810000	NA	410000	N
Methylene chlor.,				
sed ug/kg-dry	15000	NA	810	N
l,1,2,2-Tet'ch'ethan,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<1700	NA	<930	. N
Tet'chl'ethylene,				
sed ug/kg-dry	17000	NA	12000	N
l,l,l-trichl'ethane,				
sd ug/kg-dry	12000	NA	2700	N
1,1,2-trichl'ethane,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<180	NA	<160	N
Trichloroethene,				
sed ug/kg-dry	29000	NA	11000	N
Trichlorofluorometh,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<230	NA	<160	N
Toluene, sed ug/kg-dry	570000	NA	670000	N
Vinyl chloride, sed ug/kg-d	ry <170	NA	<120	N
ase/Neutrals				
Acenaphthene, sed ug/kg-dry		<3	880	<
Acenaphthylene, sed ug/kg-d		<2	<20	<
Anthracene, sed ug/kg-dry	<16	<3	47	<
Benzo(A)anthracene, sd ug/k		<10	<120	<
Benzo(B)fluoran., sed ug/kg	-dry <150	<26	<310	<2

Table 2-3. Analytical Results on Samples B4B-02 and C6B-02 and Their Ash (Continued, Page 3 of 5)

Parameter +	Soil B4B-02	Ash B4B-02	Soil C6B-02	Ash C6B-02
Base Neutrals (Continued)				
Benzo(K)fluoran, sed ug/kg-dry	<120	<21	<250	<20
Benzo(A)pyrene, sed ug/kg-dry	<180	<30	<360	<29
Benzo(GHI)perylene,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<960	<160	<1900	<150
Benzioine, sed ug/kg-dry	<250	<43	<510	<41
Bis(2-chlethyl)ether,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<19	<3	<39	<3
Bis(2-chlethox)mthan,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<18	<3	<37	<3
Bis(2-chlisopr)ether,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<39	<7	<78	<6
Bis(2-ethylhex)phth,				
sd ug/kg-dry	85000	33	280000	67
4-brphnl phnl ether,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<91	<15	<180	<15
Butyl ben.phthalate,				
sd ug/kg-dry	5000	<14	16000	<13
2-chlnaphthalene, sed ug/kg-dry	<17	<3	<34	<3
4-chlphylphenylehter				
sd ug/kg-dry	<44	<7	<88	<7
Chrysene, sed ug/kg-dry	<63	<11	<130	<10
Dibenzo(A,H)anthra,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<720	<120	<1400	<120
Di-n-butyl phthalate,				
sd ug/kg-dry	20000	<3	74000	20
1,3-dichlbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	<26	<4	<52	<4
1,4-dichlbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry		<4	<47	<4
1,2-dichlbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry		<4	<52	<4
3,3-dichlbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	, <260	<44	<520	<42
Diethyl phthalate, sd ug/kg-dry	200	<3	170	<3
Dimethyl phthalate, sd ug/kg-dr	y 830	<2	14000	<2
2,4-dnt, sed ug/kg-dry	<55	<9	<110	<9
2,6-dnt, sed ug/kg-dry	<71	<12	<140	<12
Di-n-octyl phthalate,				
sd ug/kg-dry	730	51	1400	200
1,2-diph'hydraz., sed ug/kg-dry		<2	<26	<:
Fluoranthene, sed ug/kg-dry	<27	<5	110	<4
Fluorene, sed ug/kg-dry	69	<3	470	<:
Hexaclrbenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	<75	<13	<150	<12
Hexachlbutadiene, sed ug/kg-dry		<12	<140	<13
Hexachl'ethane, sed ug/kg-dry	<68	<12	<140	<1

Table 2-3. Analytical Results on Samples B4B-02 and C6B-02 and Their Ash (Continued, Page 4 of 5)

Paŗameter	Soil B4B-02	Ash B4B-02	Soi1 C6B-02	Ash C6B-02
Base Neutrals (Continued)				
Hexach'cyc'pen'diene,				
sed ug/kg-dry	<110	<19	<220	<18
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyr,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<650	<110	<1300	<110
Isophorone, sed ug/kg-dry	22000	<3	170000	<3
Naphthalene, sed ug/kg-dry	31800	<2	227000	<1
Nitrobenzene, sed ug/kg-dry	<29	<5	<58	<:
N-nitrosodimet'amine,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<37	<6	<74	<6
N-nitrosodipro'amine,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<36	<6	<72	<6
N-nitrosodiphe'amine,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<27	<5	<55	</td
Phenanthrene, sed ug/kg-dry	55	<3	320	<:
Pyrene, sed ug/kg-dry	<27	<5	110	<
2,3,7,8-TCDD, sed ug/kg-dry	<48	<8	<96	<8
Acid <u>s</u>				
1,2,4-trichl'benzene,				
sd ug/kg-dry	<35	<b>&lt;</b> 5	<71	<(
P-chlor-m-cresol, sed ug/kg-d		<6	<75	<(
2-chlorophenol, sed ug/kg-dry		<b>&lt;</b> 5	<53	<.
2,4-dichl'phenol, sed ug/kg-d		<6	<75	<
2,4-dimet'phenol, sed ug/kg-d		<6	<67	<.
2,4-dinit'phenol, sed ug/kg-d		<57	<670	<54
4,6-dinit'-o-cresol sd ug/kg-		<29	<350	<2
2-nitrophenol, sed ug/kg-dry	<60	<10	<120	<1
4-nitrophenol, sed ug/kg-dry	<140	<24	<290	<2
Pentachlphenol, sed ug/kg-dry	<170	<28	1200	<2
Phenol, sed ug/kg-dry	880	<3	12000	<
2,4,6-trichlphnl, sed ug/kg-d	ry <56	<10	<110	<
Pesticides & PCBs				4.5
Aldrin, sed ug/kg-dry	<130	<0.1	<130	<0.
BHC,A, sed ug/kg-dry	<0.8	<0.07	<0.8	<0.0
BHC,B, sed ug/kg-dry	<18	<0.1	<17	<0.
BHC,D, sed ug/kg-dry	<21	<0.2	<20	<0.
BHC,G(lindane), sed ug/kg-dry	130	<0.1	140	<0.
Chlordane, sed ug/kg-dry	63	<1.9	64	<1.
DDD,PP', sed ug/kg-dry	<12	<1.0	<12	<1.
DDE, PP' sed ug/kg-dry	<250	<0.2	<240	<0.
DDT,PP' sed ug/kg-dry	<930	<0.8	<910	<0.

Table 2-3. Analytical Results on Samples B4B-02 and C6B-02 and Their Ash (Continued, Page 5 of 5)

Parameter	Soil B4B-02	Ash B4B-02	Soil C6B-02	Ash C6B-02
Dieldrin, sed ug/kg-dry	<31	<0.3	<30	<0.3
Endosulfan, A, sed ug/kg-dry	<25	<0.2	<24	<0.2
Endosulfan,B, sed ug/kg-dry	<53	<0.4	<52	<0.4
Endosulfan sulf., sed ug/kg-dry	<250	<2.1	<240	<2.1
Endrin, sed ug/kg-dry	<83	<0.7	<81	<0.7
Endrin ald., sed ug/kg-dry	<75	<0.6	<73	<0.6
Heptachlor, sed ug/kg-dry	<110	<0.09	<110	<0.09
Heptachlor epox., sed ug/kg-dry	<18	<0.2	<18	<0.2
Toxaphene, sed ug/kg-dry	<290	<24	<280	<24
PCB-1016, ug/kg-dry	1500	<3	1500	<3
PCB-1260, ug/kg-dry	3600	<4	2900	<4

Sources: ESE, Inc. 1985 For organic priority pollutants.

EA, Inc. 1985 For EP Toxic Metals, Total PCBs and incinerator parameters.

# 3.0 DETERMINATION OF ELEVATED CONTAMINATION ZONES AND INCINERATION OPTIONS

In this section, data and other information presented in previous sections of this report are utilized to develop volumes of contaminated materials and to determine the feasibility, costs, and relative merits of offsite and onsite incineration of the elevated contaminated materials at the ACME Solvents site.

#### 3.1 VOLUME OF CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

#### 3.1.1 Soil

An estimate of excavation volumes for soil has been developed using conservative surface areas and depths to bedrock at individual mounds. The site was divided into eight mound areas (Figure 3-1). The surface area within each contour was determined by planimeter. The depths to bedrock were assumed for each mound based on the bedrock contours derived from the borehole data and previous test pit data.

In order to calculate the estimated volumes, each mound was divided horizontally into sections 2 feet deep. This interval depth corresponds to the topographic contour intervals on Figure 3-1. The area of each section was determined by planimeter. Volumes for each section were calculated based on section area and the 2 foot depth. The depth of the bottom section of each mound was assumed to be the average depth to bedrock. Summing the resulting volumes provided the volume per mound to be excavated. A summary of results is provided in Table 3-1.

To determine the excavation volume for the contaminated bedrock materials, the surface area was again determined by planimeter. This value represents the volume of material per foot of excavation.

#### 3.1.2 Elevated Contamination Zone

The elevated contamination zones are defined as those portions of the mounds which contain sludge or other visible contamination such as

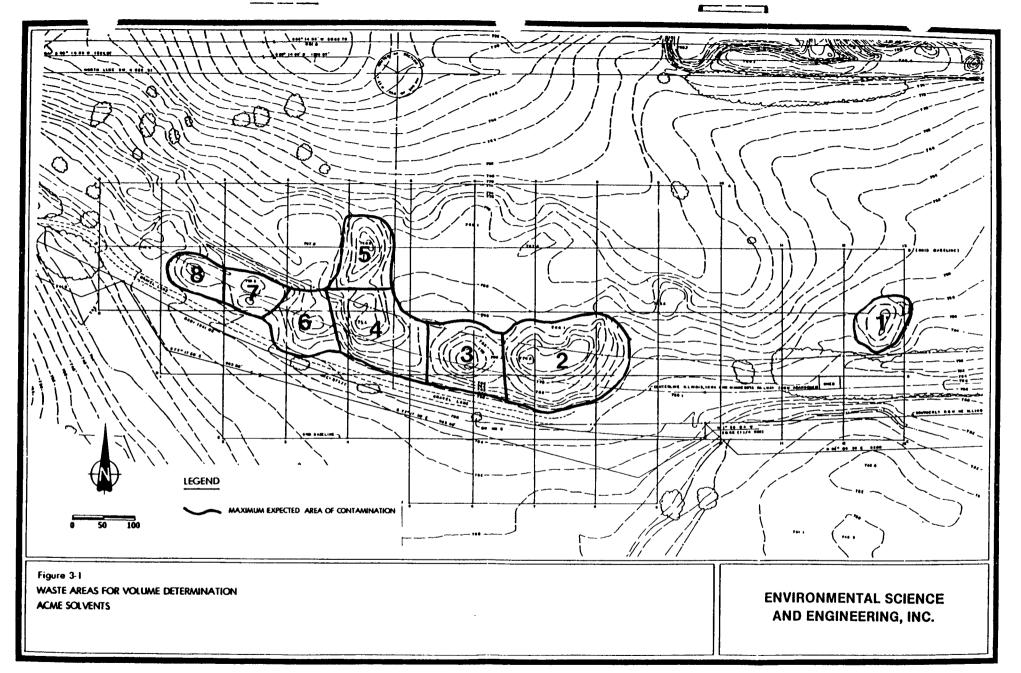


Table 3-1. Estimated Waste Volumes

	Estimated Soil Volume	Elevated Contam Zone Volume	
Mound	(yd <sup>3</sup> )	(yd <sup>3</sup> )	Comments
1	2,116	740	
2	14,277	4,013	P.P. Analysis*
3	4,888	1,529	
4	6,655	129	P.P. Analysis*
5	2,307	2,622	
6	3,002	2,372	PCB>50ppm
7	1,272	725	PCB>50ppm
8	1,080	343	
otal Mounds:	35,596	12,473	

Bedrock: 3,416 yd<sup>3</sup> per foot of excavation

Source: ESE, 1985.

<sup>\*</sup> P.P. = Priority Pollutant

staining within the fill material. In order to determine volumes, the bore logs and test pit data were reviewed to approximate the location of elevated contamination zones within each mound. Cross sections depicting the elevated contamination zones and the locations are found in Figures 3-2 and 3-3.

To estimate elevated contamination zone volumes, the bore log data was used to determine which sections of each mound would contain elevated contamination. Using the planimeter and the cross sections, the percent of elevated contaminated material within the affected sections was estimated. The results of this exercise are summarized in Table 3-1. The total volume of elevated contmainated material is estimated at 12,473 cubic yards.

#### 3.1.3 Drums

Actual number of buried drums at the site is not known. Field conditions suggest the existence of 1,000 to 4,000 drums at the site. It is not known how many of the drums may contain materials. For purposes of comparative cost estimating, 2,000 will be used as the number of drums to be handled. This is the equivalent of 666 cubic yards.

#### 3.2 OFFSITE INCINERATION

Due to the high costs of transporting contaminated materials over a long distance, the search for existing offsite commercial incinerators was limited to a 500-mile radius of the site. State regulatory agencies were contacted to locate those commercial incinerators within the 500-mile radius that are RCRA-approved to handle PCB-contaminated soils and sludges (see Appendix C). The commercial incinerators so identified were contacted directly to verify that they are RCRA-approved and would accept PCB-contaminated wastes. This selective search yielded two commercial facilities: ENSCO, Inc. of El Dorado, Arkansas, and SCA Chemical Services, Inc. of Chicago, Illinois (Table 3-2).

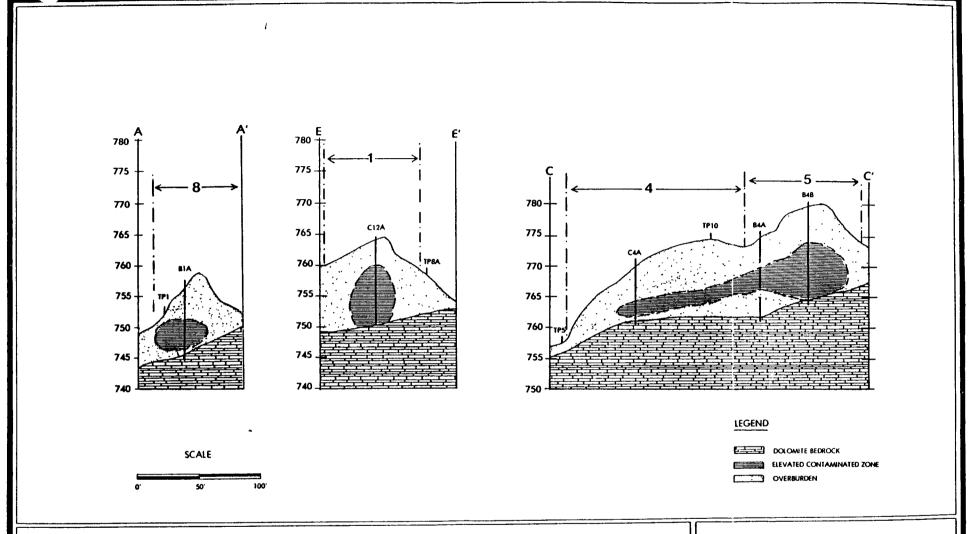
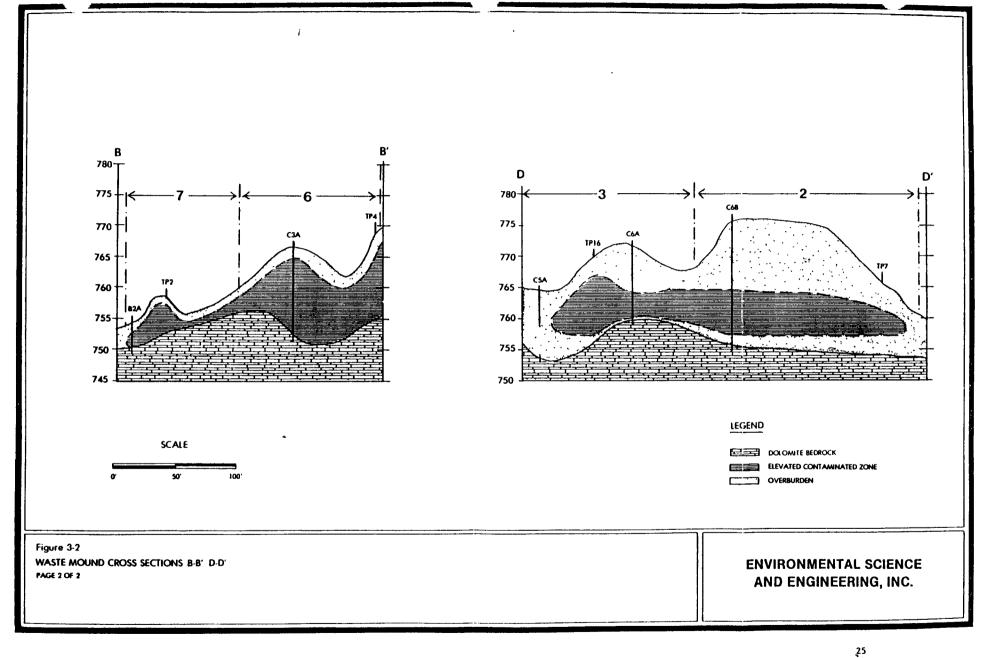


Figure 3-2
WASTE MOUND CROSS SECTIONS A-A', E-E', C-C'
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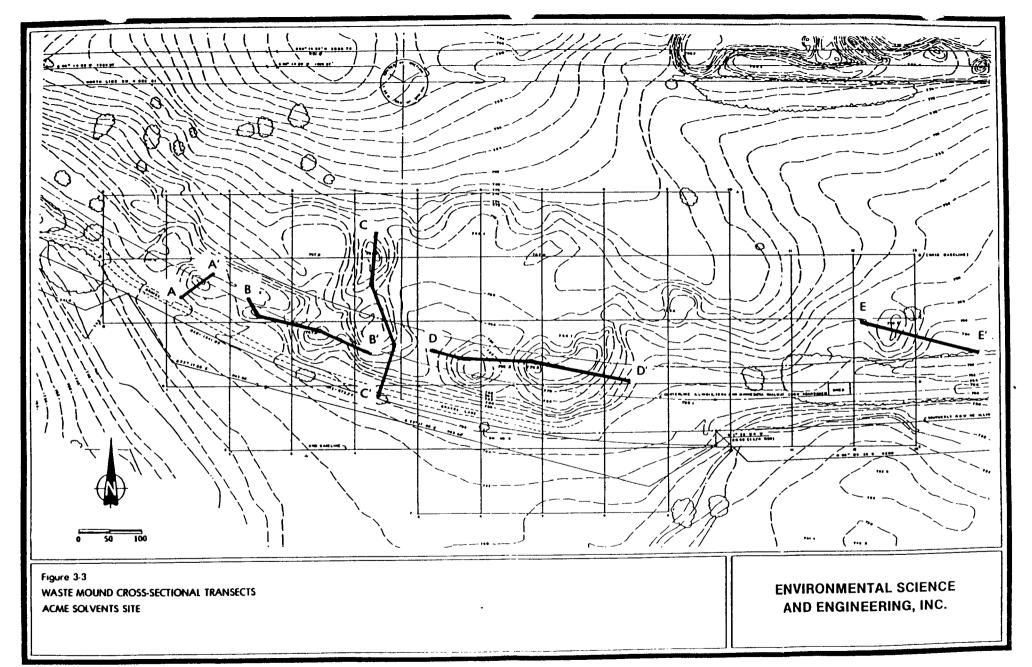


Table 3-2. Summary of Offsite Commercial Facilities Incinerating PCB-Contaminated Wastes

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Facilities	ENSCO, Inc.	SCA Chemical Services, Inc.
Address/Phone/ Location	1015 Louisiana St. Little Rock, Arkansas 72202 (501) 375-8444	11700 S. Stony Island Ave. Chicago, Illinois 60617 (312) 646-5700
Contact	Mr. Gary Martini	Ms. Sharon Pilachowski
EPA ID#	ARD069748192	LID060672121
lears of Operation	4	3
Form of Accep- table Wastes	Bulk and Drummed Liquids and Solids	Bulk Liquids and Drummed Solids
Incinerator Type	Rotary Kiln	Rotary Kiln
Method of Ash Disposal	RCRA-Permitted Landfill	RCRA-Permitted Landfill
Date of Availability	January 1986	January 1986
Cost of Incineration	\$28.9 million	\$32.4 million
Time to Implement	2-3 years	2 years
Storage Capacity	None	None

Source: ESE, 1985.

#### 3.2.1 ENSCO, Inc.

ENSCO has been incinerating PCB-contaminated wastes since 1981. A brief summary of this facility is presented in Table 3-2. They employ a rotary kiln incineration system with a thermal oxidation chamber and afterburner with a cyclone. The facility will accept solid waste materials either in bulk or in drums. Ash generated by the incinerator is routinely disposed of by the facility in RCRA-permited landfills. They will not accept heavy sludges that do not pass a 60 mesh screen. They will also reject raw sulfur and wastes contaminated with any amount of dioxin. Discussions with Mr. Gary Martini indicate ENSCO's facility would accept waste materials from the ACME Solvents site, based on existing analytical data for these waste materials. Chloride, sulfur, and PCB concentrations would not prohibit ENSCO's acceptance of the waste materials. The facility would be available to accept waste materials from the ACME Solvents site in January 1986. Current costs of incineration at ENSCO Inc.'s facility are on the order of \$0.75-1.00/1b for bulk solids and \$1.00 per pound for drummed solids. These costs include ash disposal. Specific costs can be provided only after analysis of the waste materials by ENSCO, Inc.'s laboratory. Based on a projected volume of 12,473 cubic yards and 2,000 drums or 28,905,800 pounds of contaminated materials at the site, incineration costs would be approximately \$28.9 million. Current projections of capacity at ENSCO, Inc. indicate incineration of this volume would require 2 to 3 years.

ENSCO, Inc. also provides transportation services at a unit cost of \$3.25 per loaded mile. Based on the expected volume, total transportation costs would be about \$1.3 million.

#### 3.2.2 SCA Chemical Services, Inc.

SCA Chemical Services, Inc. has been incinerating PCB-contaminated wastes for 2 years and other waste types for 3 years. A brief summary

of this facility is presented in Table 3-2. They employ a rotary kiln incineration system with a secondary kiln. The facility will accept liquid and drummed solid waste materials. All solid waste must be drummed in burnable containers prior to being transported to the incinerator. This requirement results in additional packaging and loading costs not required by ENSCO. Ash generated by the incineration process is routinely disposed of in a RCRA-permitted landfill. Discussions with Ms. Sharon Pilachowski indicate SCA's facility would accept waste materials from the ACME Solvents site, based on existing analytical data of these waste materials. Chloride, sulfur, and PCB concentrations would not prohibit SCA's acceptance of the waste materials.

The facility would be available to accept waste materials from the ACME Solvents site beginning January 1986. Current cost of incineration at SCA's facility are on the order of \$1.12 per pound. These costs include ash disposal. Specific costs can be provided only after analysis of the waste materials by SCA's laboratory. Based on a projected volume of contaminated materials at the site, incineration costs would be about \$32.37 million. Current projections of capacity at SCA's facility indicate incineration of this volume would require 2 years.

SCA also provides transportation services using their own vehicles or exclusive subcontractors. The charge for this service is \$3.41 per loaded mile. The total transportation charge for hauling waste from the ACME Solvents site to the SCA incinerator would be approximately \$0.31 million.

## 3.2.3 Feasibility of Offsite Incineration

As previously discussed, two commercial facilities were located, that would accept the contaminated waste materials from the ACME Solvents site. These facilities are ENSCO, Inc. in El Dorado, Arkansas and SCA

Chemical Services, Inc. in Chicago, Illinois. Both facilities would be available to accept contaminated waste materials from the site beginning January 1986. Incineration of these wastes by each facility would take approximately 2 to 3 years, assuming a constant incineration rate of the 13,139 cubic yards over a 3 year period results in a projected daily incineration rate of approximately 12 cubic yards per day. This equates to approximately one truckload of the contaminated materials per day, assuming a 16 cubic yard capacity truck. Because neither commercial facility has storage capacity for these materials, excavation and removal of the contaminated materials from the site must proceed at the same rate (16 cubic yards per day) or be stockpiled onsite if a faster excavation rate is maintained.

#### 3.3 ONSITE INCINERATION

Several vendors with mobile incineration capabilities were contacted. Vendors who responded included ENSCO, Inc., Waste Tech Services, Inc. ThermAll, Inc., Canavan Technologies, Inc., Shirco Infrared Systems, Inc., CECOS Environmental; and Haztech. With the exception of ENSCO, Inc., the vendors could not provide a complete onsite mobile incinerator system within a reasonable time period for one or more of the following reasons:

- 1. The incinerators were still in the design phase, (reliability of their incineration systems has not been determined);
- 2. Costing information could not be provided without a site visit;
- 3. An incineration system could be purchased but operating personnel would not be provided; and
- 4. Date of availability was unknown.

Thus, it appears that ENSCO, Inc. alone could provide the most cost-effective and efficient mobile incineration system. Therefore only information provided by ENSCO was used to determine the feasibility of onsite incineration. It should be noted that several vendors may be able to provide an acceptable system in the future and could be considered during actual mobile incinerator selection.

#### 3.3.1 ENSCO, Inc.

ENSCO, Inc. has been providing incineration services involving PCB destruction since 1981. Currently ENSCO has two mobile rotary kiln incinerators capable of incinerating solids, liquids, and sludges. These incinerators are currently in operation onsite at two locations in the United States. These incinerators can be equipped with shredders to handle drums buried onsite. Both incinerators are available for lease as of the first quarter of 1986, provided that ENSCO is contacted by October 1, 1985. According to ENSCO personnel, a third rotary kiln mobile incineration unit, currently being manufactured, of equal capability to the existing units should be available during the same time period. Two additional incinerators that could handle only liquid wastes should also be available for the first quarter of 1986.

ENSCO would provide normal routine permitting assistance to its client. The permitting fee is included in the base cost to incinerate the material. The time required to obtain the permits would be determined by the State of Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, generally ranging from 6 months to 2 years.

ENSCO's costs to incinerate contaminated wastes are based on the weight or volume of material to be incinerated. This base cost estimate includes assistance in permitting, mobilization, demobilization, set-up of incinerator, operating, personnel, incineration of contaminated wastes, and environmental emissions control. The base cost would be about \$800 per cubic yard of material to be incinerated. ENSCO could provide a more accurate cost estimate after a site visit to determine specific site conditions. The total volume of contaminated waste to be removed is approximately 12,473 cubic yards and 2,000 drums, which translates to a cost of \$10.51 million for onsite incineration.

The maximum capacity of ENSCO's rotary kiln incinerator is approximately 100 cubic yards per day. The estimated incineration time, after permits

have been secured and the incinerator is onsite, is approximately 9 months. The estimated incineration time is based upon a 25 percent downtime for the incinerator and the characteristics of the wastes to be incinerated.

#### 3.3.2 Feasibility of Onsite Incineration

As discussed in Section 3.3.1 ENSCO could provide complete onsite incineration services. ENSCO would be available the first quarter of 1986. Their rotary kiln incinerator can handle solids, liquids, and sludges. Concentration of PCB's, chlorides, and sulfur in the contaminated wastes would not prohibit the implementation of onsite incinerator. The estimated incineration time would be approximately 9 months. Assuming a constant incineration rate of the waste over a 9-month period results in a projected daily average incineration rate of 80 to 100 cubic yards per day. A track mounted backhoe could be used to excavate 100 to 200 cubic yards of contamination wastes per day so that extensive stock piling would not be required.

Uncertainties regarding availability, permitting, test burn results, local opposition, operation and delisting of the ash/decontaminated soil exist for onsite incineration. These uncertainties may impact the cost and schedule and potentially even the implementation of onsite incineration.

#### 3.4 OFFSITE VERSUS ONSITE INCINERATION

Summarizations of offsite and onsite incineration capabilities and costs are presented in Tables 3-3 and 3-4. The time required to obtain necessary state and federal permits in addition to the availability of units may delay implementation of onsite incineration as much as 2 years. Thus, completion of incineration would take approximately 3 years.

The primary purpose of the cost estimates provided in this report is to allow a comparison of alternatives. These estimates do not represent the actual expected costs. In order to provide actual cost estimates additional data is required including a complete waste characterization, refined volume estimates and preliminary concept designs of the remedial actions.

The unit costs presented have been obtained from vendors where possible. Time and data limitations and unreturned calls limited detailed discussions with commercial vendors. Most vendors were hesitant to provide unit costs and generally qualified the numbers as gross estimates. Another problem which arose was apparently due to IEPA's solicitation for cost estimates from the same vendors. ENSCO, Inc. increased their cost estimates after they were contacted by the Agency.

As an example, for onsite incineration contacts with vendors yielded cost estimates ranging from \$300 to \$1,300 per cubic yard.

#### 3.5 ASH/DECONTAMINATED SOIL DISPOSAL

As discussed previously in Section 2.0, waste samples were subjected to incineration conditions in the laboratory. The resulting ash/decontaminated soil was tested for EP toxicity and consistently proved to be well below EPA limits for hazardous waste classification.

Assuming the ash/decontaminated soil can be delisted as a hazardous waste based on EP toxicity results, the ash/decontaminated soil can be used for backfill and regrading purposes onsite. Use of the ash as backfill will result in cost reduction for ash disposal.

#### 3.6 ALTERNATIVE TECHNOLOGIES

Based upon the above estimated costs and uncertainties, other treatment and/or disposal technologies should be investigated for the elevated contaminated materials at the ACME Solvents site.

# These technologies could include:

- solidification;
- encapsulation;
- soil flushing;
- microbiological degradation; and
- offsite landfill.

Table 3-3. Summary of Offsite and Onsite Incineration Capabilities

	Offsite Incinerator	Onsite Incinerator
Availability	January 1986	January - April 1986
Incineration Rate	25 cubic yards per day	80 to 100 cubic yards per day (maximum)
Implementation Time	2 to 3 years	2 to 3 years
Cost	\$28.91 to 32.37 million	\$10.51 million

Source: ESE, 1985.

Table 3-4. Summary of Offsite and Onsite Incineration Costs

	Offsite Incineration (\$MM)	Onsite Incineration (\$MM)
Site Preparation Mobilization	0.04	0.04
Excavation	0.37	0.37
Packaging and Loading	0.23	
Transportation (Onsite)		0.07
Transportation (Offsite)	0.31	0.36*
Incineration	32.37	10.51
Ash Disposal		0.83†
Site Reclamation	0.02	0.02
	\$33.34	\$12.20

<sup>\*</sup> Ash transport to offsite landfill.

Source: ESE, 1985.

<sup>†</sup> Offsite disposal in RCRA landfill.

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Site Name: Aberdeen, NC, Superfund Site (NPL)

Location of Test: Aberdeen, NC

BACKGROUND: This treatability study summary reports on the results of a trial burn of pesticide-contaminated soil from the Aberdeen, NC Superfund site. The trial burn using the Vesta mobile rotary kiln incinerator was designed to demonstrate that this system can destroy the pesticides in a manner consistent with RCRA standards.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION: The soil was fed to the incinerator at rates of 960 to 1023 pounds per hour. There were three trial runs completed, each for approximately 3 hours. No details are provided on the soil matrix or QA/QC accomplished. Since this Trial Burn Test Report is a summary of analytical results, additional operational information is not presented. PERFORMANCE: The primary standards of performance were:

- 1. Destruction of the pesticides from the soil fed to the incinerator.
- 2. Destruction/removal of the designated principal organic hazardous pollutants (POHC's).
- 3. Particulate stack emissions.
- 4. Hydrogen chloride stack emissions.

#### Secondary standards included:

- 1. Other pesticide stack emissions.
- 2. Carbon monoxide emissions.
- 3. Dioxin, furan and other chlorinated organic emissions.

The soil treated had initial concentrations of P,P-DDT and alpha-BHC of greater than 131 and 29 ppm, respectively. The pesticides in the soil fed to the incinerator were effectively removed, as evidenced by the removal of the principal organic hazardous pollutants, P, P-DDT and alpha-BHC (99.993% and 99.998% removal efficiency, respectively). All other pesticides found in the contaminated soil were not detected in the treated soil. TCDD (dioxins) and TCDF (furans) were not found in the treated soil. The destruction and removal efficiency, of 99.993 percent particulate stack emissions to .02 grains/dscf and hydrogen chloride stack emissions of 99.2

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percent removal were in compliance with RCRA criteria for particulate stack emissions of .08 grains/dscf and hydrogen chloride stack emissions removal of 99 percent. Carbon monoxide stack emissions and combustion efficiency were indicative of good combustion, except for one test run which experienced startup difficulties. Other stack emission parameters (flow, temperature, moisture, oxygen, and carbon dioxide) indicated successful operation. Quality control field blanks were collected and described.

#### CONTAMINANTS:

Analytical data is provided in the treatability study report. The breakdown of the contaminants by treatability group is:

Treatability Group	CAS Number	Contaminants
WO1-Halogenated Aromatic Compounds	72-55-9	1,1-Dichloro-2-2-bis (4-chlorophenyl)ethene (4,4-DDE
	72-54-8	1,1-Dichloro-2,2-bis (4-chlorophenyl)ethane (4,4-DDD)
	50-29-3	1,1,1-Trichloro-2,2-bis (4-chlorophenyl)ethane (4,4-DDT)
WO5-Halogenated Cyclic	1024-57-3	Heptachlor Epoxide
Aliphatics/Ethers/	1031-07-8	Endosulfan Sulfate
Esters/Ketones	309-00-2	Aldrin
	319-85-7	Beta-BHC
	33213-65-9	Endosulfan II
	58-89-9	Gamma-BHC
	60-57-1	Dieldrin
	72-20-8	Endrin
	7421-93-4	Endrin Aldehyde
	76-44-8	Heptachlor
	959-98-8	Endosulfan I
	319-86-8	Delta-BHC

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March 2, 1987

#### FEDERAL EXPRESS

United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region IV Emergency Response and Control Section 345 Courtland Street N.E. Atlanta, Georgia 30365

Attn: Mr. N.E. Jessup

Dear Ned:

Enclosed please find the preliminary draft issue of the results from Aberdeen, which were delivered to us today.

The full manual with back-up figures etc. will be sent to you as soon as received.

Very truly yours,

Vesta Technology, Ltd.

Patrick A. Phillips, Executive Vice President

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TRIAL BURN TEST REPORT

PART I - DATA SUMMARIES

for

VESTA TECHNOLOGY 6920 N. W. 44th Court Lauderhill, Florida 33319

Source Tested:

Mobile Incinerator at Aberdeen, North Carolina site

In Fulfillment of Verbal Purchase Order

RECON Project No. 2473

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Part I
Trial Burn Test Report
for
VESTA TECHNOLOGY
Incinerator Test
at
Aberdeen, North Carolina

#### INTRODUCTION

A trial burn in the Vesta mobile rotary kiln incinerator was conducted on December 10, and 11, 1986, at the Aberdeen, North Carolina superfund site, which has soil contaminated with pesticides. The purpose of the trial burn was to demonstrate that this incinerator system can destroy the pesticides in a manner consistent with Federal hazardous waste (RCRA) standards.

The trial burn plan was issued July 14, 1986. This report contains data obtained by RECON SYSTEMS, INC. The original field and laboratory data, calculations, calibration data, and quality assurance/quality control package are included in a separately issued document (PART II).

The primary standards of performance are:

- 1. Disappearance of the pesticides from the soil fed to the incinerator.
- Destruction/removal of the designated principal organic hazardous pollutants (POHC's).
- Particulate stack emissions.
- 4. Hydrogen chloride stack emissions.

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#### Secondary standards include:

- Other pesticide stack emissions.
- 2. Carbon monoxide emissions.
- 3. Dioxin, furan and other chlorinated organic emissions.

Data on these parameters are reported in the summary and body of the report.

Other stack gas and soil parameters were also measured and are reported.

Exceptions/modifications to the trial burn plan are noted.

The report contains the following sections:

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#### SUMMARY

The results of the trial burn indicate the incinerator removed the pesticides form the soil and met the required Federal hazardous waste (RCRA) standards.

The pesticides in the soil fed to the incinerator were effectively removed, as evidenced by disappearance of the POHC's (a-BHC and P,P'-DDT):

Test No.	1	2	3
Residual a-BHC, ppb (dry)	1.8	ND 2.5	ND 0.5
Removal of a-BHC, %	99.9991	<u>&gt;</u> 99.9988	<u>&gt;</u> 99.9996
Residual P,P'-DDT, ppb (dry)	ND 2.0	ND 2.0	ND 2.0
Removal of P,P'-DDT, %	≥ 99.9985	<u>≥</u> 99.9990	<u>≥</u> 99.9933

All other pesticides found in the contaminated soil were not detected in the treated soil. TCDD (dioxins) and TCDF (furans) were not found in the treated soil.

The destruction and removal efficiency (DRE) was found to be in compliance with the RCRA standard of 99.99%:

a-BḤC DRE, %	99.9950	≥ 99 <b>.</b> 9988	99.9995
P,P'-DDT DRE, %	<u>&gt;</u> 99.9995	≥ 99 <b>.</b> 9993	≥ 99.9931

The particulate stack emissions were found to be in compliance with the RCRA standard of 0.08 grains/dscf corrected to 7% oxygen:

Particulate Grains/dscf corrected to 0.0226 0.0136 0.0180

The hydrogen chloride stack emissions were found to be in compliance with the RCRA standards of 4 pounds/hour and 99% removal:

HCl, Pounds/hour	0.00426	0.00815	0.00511
Removal of HCl ente	ering		
scrubber, %	99.71	99.22	99.82

The carbon monoxide stack emissions and combustion efficiency (CE) were found to be indicative of good combustion (except for Test No. 1, where startup difficulties were experienced and poor results expected):

Carbon Monoxide, ppmv (dry)	6250	1	1
Combustion Efficiency (CE), %	93.506	99.999	99.999
Other stack emission	parameters indi	cated successfu	l operation:
Flow, scfm Temperature, <sup>O</sup> F Moisture, <sup>%</sup> Oxygen, <sup>%</sup> Carbon Dioxide, <sup>%</sup>	1710 155 26.9 8.0 9.0	1910 148 23.3 10.0 7.2	1880 149 24.8 10.8 7.0
<u>EMISSIONS</u>			
Particulates, Pounds/hour	0.226	0.135	0.159
Particulates, grains/dscf	0.0210	0.0107	0.0131
Carbon Monoxide, Pounds/hour	34.2	0.006	0.006
Carbon Monoxide, ppmv	4570	0.77	0.75
Hydrogen Chloride, Pounds/hour	0.00426	0.00815	0.00511
Hydrogen Chloride, ppmv	0.44	0.75	4.79
a-BHC (POHC), Pounds/hour	8.21 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	ND	0.557 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )
P,P'-DDT (POHC), Pounds/hour	ND	ND .	ND
Other Pesticides, Pounds/hour	ND	ND	ND .
TCDD, (dioxin) Pounds/hour	ND	ND	ND

TCDF, (furan),
Pounds/hour ND ND ND

RCl (Volatile
Chlorinated Organics)\*
Pounds/hour 3.91 (10<sup>-5</sup>) 3.19 (10<sup>-4</sup>) 2.18 (10<sup>-4</sup>)

\*Quality control blanks not exposed to the stack were found to contain the same chlorinated organics at the same order of magnitude or higher. This leads RECON to believe the apparent emissions reported here are erroneous and in fact may be zero. The source of these organics may be the contaminated site itself or the diesel engines running during the testing, but no conclusions can be drawn.

The soil was fed to the incinerator at the rate of:

Soil,

Pounds/hour 960 1023 999

The soil contained significant moisture content:

% Mositure 13.75 12.81 15.72

ND = None detected, less than value shown (value may be elsewhere in the report).

 $\geq$  = greater than or equal to

ppb = parts per billion; on wet sample unless otherwise noted.

ppmv = parts per million, by volume; on wet gas unless otherwise
noted.

#### CERTIFICATION

This report is submitted by:

Richard F. Toro, M.Ch.E. Executive Vice President

Frank W. Swetits, Manager Field Testing

I am responsible charge of RECON's stack test work, and have discussed and reviewed the procedures and results of this set of tests with the relevant field and laboratory personnel.

Norman J. Weinstein, Ph.D., P.E. New Jersey License 19536

# STACK VELOCITY AND FLOW RATE DATA

Run No.	1	2	3
Date	12/10/86	12/11/86	12/11/86
Time	0935-1220	1015-1320	1530-1835 ,
Stack Diameter, in	20	20	20
Stack Cross Section, sq. ft.	2.18	2.18	2.18
Barometric Pressure, "Hg	29.50	30.10	30.10
Average Stack Temperature, <sup>O</sup> F	155	148	149
Stack Pressure, "H <sub>2</sub> O	0.02	0.03	0.03
Moisture, %	26.89	23.32	24.83
Average Velocity, ft./sec.	15.42	16.66	16.45
Actual Flow Rate, acfm	2020	2180	2150
Standard Flow Rate, scfm	1710	1910	1880
Dry Standard Flow Rate, dscfm	1250	1470	1420

Standard Conditions are 70°F, 29.92 "Hg

#### STACK GAS COMPOSITION

Run No.	1	2	3
Date	12/10/86	12/11/86	12/11/86
Time	0935-1220	1015-1320	1530-1835
		% By Volume (Dry Basis)	
ONSITE FYRITE			
co <sub>2</sub>	9.5	6.5	6.7
, <sup>0</sup> 2	11.5	12.0	12.0
N <sub>2</sub> (By Difference)	79.0	81.5	81.3
LAB ANALYSIS**			
co <sub>2</sub>	9.0*	7.2	7.0
CO	0.625*	0.0001	0.0001
02	8.0*	10.0	10.8
N <sub>2</sub> (By Difference)	82.375*	82.8	82.2

<sup>\*</sup>Average of two measurements.

<sup>\*\*</sup>Carbon monoxide analysis by Thermo Electron Model 48, non dispersive infrared analyzer. The carbon dioxide and oxygen analyses were by orsat.

PARTICULATE, HYDROGE: EMISSIONS (MM5 TRAIN)		, TCDF, POHC A	ND OTHER PESTICIDE
Run No. Date Time	1 12/10/86 0935-1220	2 12/11/86 1015-1320	3 12/11/86 1530-1835
SAMPLING DATA			
Nominal Nozzle Size (in)	1/4	1/4	1/4
No. of Sampling Points	12	12	12
Sampling Time, min	150	180	180
Sample Volume, dscf	33.63	43.93	42.26
% Isokinetic	109.7	109.9	109.3
EMISSIONS DATA			
<u>Particulates</u>			
Pounds/hour Grains/dscf	0.226 0.0210	0.135 0.0107	0.159 0.0131
Grains/dscf @ 7% 0 <sub>2</sub>	0.0226	0.0136	0.0180
Hydrogen Chloride			
ppmv (wet) Pounds/hour	0.44 4.26x10 <sup>-3</sup>	0.75 8.15x10 <sup>-3</sup>	4.79 5.11x10 <sup>-2</sup>
POHC's			
a-BHC, Pounds/hour	8.21 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	ND 2.13 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	0.557 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )
P,P'-DDT, Pounds/hour	ND 5.13 (10 <sup>-7</sup> )	ND 1.28 (10 <sup>-7</sup> )	ND 1.72 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )
TCDD/TCDF			
TCDD, Pounds/hour	$ND 2 (10^{-9})$	ND 2 (10 <sup>-9</sup> )	ND 1 (10 <sup>-9</sup> )
TCDF, Pounds/hour	$ND 1 (10^{-9})$	ND 1 (10 <sup>-9</sup> )	ND 1 (10 <sup>-9</sup> )

# Other Pesticides

g-BHC	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	8.54 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$4.29 (10^{-7})$
B-BHC	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	8.54 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$4.29 (10^{-7})$
Heptachlor	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$4.29 (10^{-7})$
d-BHC	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$4.29 (10^{-7})$
Aldrin	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	8.54 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$4.29 (10^{-1})$
Heptachlor Epoxide	$2.57 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$4.29 (10^{-7})$
Endosulfan I	$2.57 (10-\frac{5}{2})$	8.54 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$8.58 (10^{-1})$
DDE	$1.28 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$8.58 (10^{-7})$
Diendrin	$2.57 (10^{-5})$	8.54 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$8.58 (10^{-7})$
Endrin	2.57 (10-5)	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$8.58 (10^{-7})$
Endosulfan II	$2.57 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$1.72 (10^{-6})$
DDD	$5.13 (10^{-5})$	$8.54 (10^{-5})$	$1.72 (10^{-6})$
DDT	$5.13 (10^{-5})$	$1.28 (10^{-6})$	$1.72 (10^{-6})$
Endrin Aldehyde	$5.13 (10^{-5})$	$4.27 (10^{-4})$	$1.72 (10^{-6})$
'Endosulfan Sulfate	1.03 (10- <sup>4</sup> )	$4.27 (10^{-4})$	$1.72 (10^{-6})$
Methoxychlor	$2.57 (10^{-4})$	$2.13 (10^{-3})$	$8.58 (10^{-6})$
Chlordane	$2.57 (10^{-4})$	$2.13 (10^{-3})$	$8.58 (10^{-6})$
Toxaphene	$2.57 (10^{-3})$	$2.13 (10^{-2})$	8.58 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )

## VOLATILE CHLORINATED ORGANIC (RC1) EMISSIONS (VOST TRAIN)

Run No. Date Time	1 12/10/86 1118-1158 1240-1320 1335-1415	2 12/11/86 1014-1054 1108-1148 1203-1243	3 12/11/86 1549-1629 1644-1724 1735-1815
SAMPLING DATA			• •
Nozzle	NONE	NONE	NONE
No. of Sampling Points	1	1	1
Sampling Time, min	120	120	120
Sample Volume, dscf	2.04	2.20	2.22
EMISSION DATA (Pounds/hour)			
Methylene Chloride	$3.91 (10^{-5})$	7.07 $(10^{-5})$	1.08 (10 <sup>-4</sup> )
Trichlorofluoromethane	ND	7.10 $(10^{-5})$	$6.37 (10^{-5})$
Tetrachloroethylene	ND	1.71 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$6.41 (10^{-6})$
1,1,2-Trichlorotri- fluoroethane	ND	1.55 (10 <sup>-4</sup> )	3.80 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	ND	5.02 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )	2.01 (10 <sup>-6</sup> )
TOTAL OF THE ABOVE	3.91 (10 <sup>-5</sup> )	$3.19 (10^{-4})$	2.18 (10 <sup>-4</sup> )

NOTE: Quality control blanks not exposed to the stack were found to contain the same chlorinated organics at the same order of magnitude or higher. This leads RECON to believe the apparent emissions reported here are erroneous and in fact may be zero. The source of these organics may be the contaminated site itself or the diesel engines running during the testing, but no conclusions can be drawn.

# CONTAMINATED SOIL ANALYSES

1	2	3
12/10/86	12/11/86	12/11/86
83.0	84.9	86.1
<100	<100	<100
Basis)		
1.07 1.15 0.05 1.62 0.13 0.15 95.83 =====	1.01 1.19 0.05 1.49 0.12 0.10 96.04	0.64 0.97 0.04 3.21 0.13 0.28 94.73
(ppb, Dry Basi	s)	
198,900 129,600 : (ppb, Dry Bas	206,800 200,600 is)	131,800 29,670
34269 45282 54895 78215 330 330 5071 3567 330 7241 111665 330	26393 40726 23617 39127 330 330 6194 4206 330 12740 117846	20825 22711 11756 26054 330 330 7835 4187 330 2008 181366 330 330
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# TREATED SOIL ANALYSES

Run No.	1	2	3
Date	12/10/86	12/11/86	12/11/86
POHC Pesticides Content (pr	ob, Dry Basis)		
a-BHC P,P'-DDT	1.8 ND 2.0	ND 2.5 ND 2.0	ND 0.5 ND 2.0
Other Pesticides Content (	opb, Dry Basis)		
g-BHC B-BHC Heptachlor .d-BHC Aldrin Heptachlor Epoxide Endosulfan I DDE Diendrin Endrin Endrin Endosulfan II DDD Endrin Aldehyde Endosulfan Sulfate Methoxychlor Chlordane Toxaphene  Dioxin/Furan Content (ppb,	ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10	ND 2.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10	ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 0.5 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 1 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 2 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10 ND 10
TCD Dioxin TCD Furan	ND 0.17 ND 0.1	ND 0.04 ND 0.031	0.069 0.036

# PERFORMANCE DETERMINATIONS

Run No. Date  POHC Removal From Soi	.1 12/10/86 1	2 12/11/86	3 12/11/86
a-BHC, Inlet ppb a-BHC, Outlet ppb a-BHC, % Removal	198,900	206,800 ND 2.5 ≥ 99.9988	131,800 ND 0.5 ≥ 99.9996
P,P'-DDT, Inlet ppb P,P'-DDT, Outlet ppb P,P'-DDT, % Removal	ND 2.0	200,600 ND 2.0 ≥ 99.9990	29,670 ND 2.0 ≥ 99.9933
Destruction/Removal E	fficiency (DRE)		
a-BHC, Inlet Pounds/hour a-BHC, Stack	0.1647	0.1844	0.1110
Pounds/hour	8.21 (10 <sup>-6</sup> ) 99.9950	ND 2.13 $(10^{-6})$ $\geq$ 99.9988	0.557 (10 <sup>-6</sup> ) 99.9995
P,P'-DDT Stack, Pounds/hour P,P'-DDT Stack,	0.1073	0.1789	0.0250
Pounds/hour P,P'-DDT % DRE	ND 5.13 $(10^{-7})$ $\geq 99.9995$	ND 1.28 $(10^{-7})$ $\geq$ 99.9993	ND 1.72 (10 <sup>-6</sup> ) ≥ 99.9931
HCl Removal Efficiency			
Equivalent HCl, Inlet Pounds/hour HCl, Stack	1.48	1.05	2.88
•	0.00426	0.00815	0.00511
Efficiency	99.71	99.22	99.82
Combustion Efficiency			
Carbon Dioxide, % Dry Carbon Monoxide, % Dry Combustion Efficiency,	9.0	7.2	7.0
	0.625	0.0001	0.0001
% ( CO2 ) CO + CO2	93506	99.999	99.999

# Particulate Emissions

Particulates Grains/dscf % Oxygen	0.0210	0.0107 10.0	0.0131
Oxygen Correction Fa ( 14 ) 21-% O2	ctor 1.077	1.273	1.373
Corrected Particulat Grains/dscf	es, 0.0226	0.0136	0.0180

#### TRIAL BURN PLAN EXCEPTIONS/MODIFICATIONS

The details of the testing procedures are outlined in the trial burn plan dated July 14, 1986.

Due to the operational characteristics as carried out at the burn site, various changes were made to the plan.

These are summarized in the following letter to the US EPA.

In particular, it should be noted that the various scrubber waters were not analyzed since the system was not in steady state, but rather a closed loop. Analyses under such conditions could not be interpreted. Propane was used instead of fuel oil, so it was not analyzed.

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January 19, 1987

Mr. P. Clyde Johnson Staff Geologist U. S. E.P.A. Technical Assistance Team 4329 Memorial Drive, Suite C Decatur, GA 30032

RE: Vesta Technologies
The Pit, Aberdeen N.C.
RECON Project No. (2473)

Dear Mr. Johnson:

A table has been set up to clarify the analyses we will be running on the samples that we took at Aberdeen, NC on the 10th and the 11th of December, 1986 from the test burn of contaminated soil by Vesta. Changes in the analyses to be performed and types of samples to be analyzed were made from the original protocol after observing and discussing incinerator operation. All samples that were taken during the testing period, whether on the list to be analyzed or not (of which you have duplicates), will be held for 90 days after report submittal. Certain types of samples, though omitted from the original protocol, could contribute to, or contain contaminants from the system and will be analyzed for these contaminants. Other types of samples seemed not to have any way to contribute or detract from the contaminant concentration in the system. An example of the types of samples that are going to be held but not analyzed is the "purge water" which, after observing and discussing the system operation, turned out to be scrubber water in a closed loop system.

Below is a table describing the sample type, whether sample was combined with other samples, etc.

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Sample Type (amount)	<u>Analysis</u>
Ash (3)	TCDD/TCDF Organic Pesticides Density
Solids (3)	Organic Pesticides Density Heat Content Moisture Ash Content Organic Chlorine Sulfur Elemental Composition (CHN) Total Volatile Organics
Stack gas MM-5: Filter & Probe Rinse (3) Field Blank Filter & Probe Rinse (1)	TCDD/TCDF Organic Pesticides HCl Particulates

Impinger & Condensate(3) Field Blank 5% KOH and distilled water

Organic Pesticides HCl

TCDD/TCDF

Florisil & XAD-2 Sorbent\*(3) Field Blank Sorbent set\*(1)

TCDD/TCDF Organic Pesticides

Trip Blank Sorbent set(1) Extracts from sorbent samples were combined with extracts from filter and probe rinse samples for dioxin and pesticide deter-

minations. The field blank was treated in the same manner.

#### Stack gas VOST:

Condensate & Probe Rinse(3) Volatile Organics Field Blank DI Water (1) Volatile Organics Tenax/charcoal cartridges (9) Volatile Organics Field Blank Tenax/ charcoal cartridges (3) Volatile Organics Trip Blank Tenax/ Volatile Organics charcoal cartridge (1)

Please forward a copy of this to any of the appropriate parties involved in this project. Should there be any questions or any other concerns please do not hesitate to give me a call at 1-201-782-5900. Thank you for your assistance in this matter and we look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

Patrick Mulrooney Manager Instrument Lab

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cc: Patrick Phillips

#### SEUECTED NOMENCUATURE

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Time = military time
min = minutes
  f = degrees Fahrenheit
°C = degrees Centigrade
"H<sub>2</sub>O = inches water (pressure or vacuum)
"Hg = inches mercury (pressure or vacuum)
mm Hg = millimeters of mercury (pressure or vacuum)
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mg = milligrams = 10.3 grams
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CO<sub>2</sub> = carbon dioxide
H = elemental hydrogen
   = molecular hydrogen
H<sub>2</sub>O = water
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H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> = sulfuric acid
H<sub>2</sub>S = hydrogen sulfide
Ct = elemental chlorine or chloride
HCl = hydrogen chloride
F = elemental fluorine or fluoride
CH<sub>4</sub> = methane
O = elemental oxygen
O<sub>2</sub> = molecular oxygen
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\leq = equal to or less than
ND = none detected
Front half (dry catch particulate) - particulate matter collected in/on nozzle, probe, cyclone, flask heated hose, and filter of EPA sampling
       train
Back Half (wet catch particulate) - material collected in impingers after filter of EPA sampling train
Organic wet catch = residue after low temperature (70°F) evaporation of ether/chloroform used to extract soluble materials
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Aqueous wet catch = residue after high temperature (220°F) evaporation of
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# SUPERFUND TREATABILITY CLEARINGHOUSE

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#### SUPERFUND TREATABILITY CLEARINGHOUSE ABSTRACT

Treatment Process: Biological - Aerobic and Anaerobic

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Site Name: Leetown Pesticide Site, Leetown, WV (NPL)

Location of Test: NUS, Pittsburgh, PA

BACKGROUND: This document is composed of a series of progress reports pertaining to a bench-scale treatability study which utilized biodegradation to remediate pesticide contaminated soils (DDT and DDE) at the Leetown Pesticide NPL site. Treatment consisted of aerobic, anaerobic and fungal processes to biodegrade the DDT and DDE.

OPERATIONAL INFORMATION: Nutrients such as manure, sewage sludge and wood chips were added to the soils to promote the growth of microbes capable of degrading the pesticides. More than 400 biodegradation cells were used over 4 test periods. Efforts to control temperature, pH and moisture content were attempted during the study. One report states that DDT degradation appears to take place at 35° under anaerobic conditions and that DDE degradation takes place in acidic media. The microbes used in the test were not specified but are indigenous to the site. Baseline DDT and DDE levels were approximately 7,000 ug of DDT per Kg soil and 1000 ug of DDE per Kg of soil.

An extraction procedure with hexane done on the soil to analyze for DDT was criticized for being a quick and dirty extraction with no cleanup of the extract. Other concerns reported were strongly sorbed compounds may not be detected, interference from naturally occurring organic matter could skew the results and lack of standard analytical protocols could introduce extraneous variables into the data. Specific information pertaining to the quantity or type of contaminated soils was not included in the report.

PERFORMANCE: In December of 1986 an analysis of variance (ANOVA) of the results was conducted to determine if there is any statistically significant difference between the various samples collected from each of the different treatment cells and to determine if there is a significant difference in DDT and DDE concentrations from one cell treatment to the next. The ANOVA indicated there is no significant difference between the

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NOTE: Quality assurance of data may not be appropriate for all uses.

various cell configurations. Hence the average concentration calculated for each cell configuration is representative of the population mean. A review of the sampling data reported in the December 30th progress report suggests that anaerobic vessels operating under incubated conditions represented the best method of degrading DDT in the soils. The authors report that the indigenous microbial populations can be used to degrade DDT at the Leetown Pesticide Site. A preliminary estimate of the time for this process to reduce DDT plus DDE to desired action levels of 300 ug/kg of total DDT and metabolites was 8 months. Both DDT and DDE are degraded under anaerobic conditions, and anaerobic vessels operating under incubated conditions represent the best method of degrading DDT. Further work was recommended on the toxicity and environmental mobility of the metabolites present from the recommended composting scheme as well as controlled bench and pilot testing.

No QA/QC procedures were reported; however, quality control issues were discussed and this work was done under an EPA contract.

#### **CONTAMINANTS:**

Analytical data is provided in the treatability study report. The breakdown of the contaminants by treatability group is:

Treatability Group	CAS Number	Contaminant
WO1-Halogenated Nonpolar Aromatic Compounds	50-29-3	1,1,1-trichloro-2,2-bis (4-chlorophenyl)ethane (4,4-DDT)
-	72–55–9	1,1-dichloro-2,2-bis (4-chlorophenyl)ethene (4,4-DDE)

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EPA WORK ASSIGNMENT NUMBER 65-3L52

NUS PROJECT NUMBER 5794.14

A brief synopsis of the status of the Leetown Pesticide Site Treatability Study follows:

- One hundred and thirty (130) reaction vessels (biodegradation cells) were generated from June 25 through June 28, 1986.
- Twenty cells were deleted from the original scope of work as a result of the offensive nature of the matrix (i.e., odiferous aerobic sewage sludge cells were eschewed).
- Generation of all other cells proceeded without difficulty with the following exception: gypsum was found to be an inappropriate acidification substance. On reexamination is is recognized that this salt (calcium sulfate) is generated from both a strong base and a strong acid. Hence, the pH of the soil matrix achieved through addition of this substance was in the neutral range (pH = 6.5). Aluminum sulfate was substituted as an acidifier. Aluminum ions successfully compete with hydronium ions for available exchange sites. Soil reaction of pH = 4.5was easily achieved through addition of aluminum sulfate.
- The heat input to the incubation vessel was gradually adjusted until a constant temperature of 94 °F was achieved. The aerobic reaction vessels experienced loss of soil moisture over the first four or five days of the study. This required addition of additional deionized water. This moisture loss has been mitigated through capping. Mason jar lids have been placed loosely over the vessels. The lids are removed once daily (during daily inspection) to introduce new air to the vessels.
- No loss of soil moisture is evident in the ambient (bench top) vessels. The pre-humidified air supplied to the enclosures is working as planned.
- To date, no evidence of gas generation is evident in any of the flooded (anaerobic) vessels.

- Evidence of growth of microorganisms is evident in a number of the aerobic cells, however. Mycelium are apparent in a number of the pH = 4.5 cells (i.e., the fungal cells). A crusty substance similar to a lichen in appearance has been noted in several of the pH = 7.0 cells. Although no evidence of degradation will be available until the first samples are analyzed in late July, the growth of the different organisms under the different conditions appears promising.
- The results for the initial (t=0) samples are attached. Note the consistency in the results between replicates for each sample batch. This is considered an indication that the mixing process was thorough and adequate to assure statistically useful results.

A lab logbook is being kept that contains more detailed information regarding the study. I have learned that our laboratory has an NRC license, thus we should have no difficulty in obtaining the radiolabeled pesticides for the carbon 14 study. As indicated in the work plan, this phase of the study will not be undertaken until the results at the end of the first 30-day period (approximately July 30) have been obtained. This should give us some insight as to which combination of variables warrants more explicit study.



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EPA Work Assignment No. 95-3L52.1 Treatabilty Study Status Meeting -

August 13, 1986

#### Dear Laura:

This correspondence includes a brief summary of the points raised during our meeting on August 13, 1986, regarding the ongoing treatability study of microbial degradation of pesticides in the Leetown Site soils. This meeting was attended by the following:

Ms. Laura Boornazian EPA Region III Regional Site Project Officer EPA Region III Toxicologist NUS Chemical Engineer, Technical Project Lead NUS Project Manager

Brunker generally approved of the experimental set-up in the NUS Laboratory Services (LSD) facility, and of the manner in which Mr. Hubbard had documented the study thus far. One area of concern appeared to be the assurance that soil reaction (pH) in the test cells was being adequately maintained. NUS should verify that the buffers used remain effective in maintaining the desired pH over the course of the study by periodic pH In addition, NUS should validate the procedure used to measurements. determine soil pH; in particular, NUS should investigate whether the quantity of soil used in making up the slurry for pH testing has any bearing on the pH measured. Cells should also be configured and exposed to sunlight to test the utility of photolytic degradation of the pesticides as a treatment technology. This will be done by placing soil in aluminum roasting pans, covered with a celophane wrap and exposing them to sunlight with frequent mixing of the soils.

Administratively, we agreed that NUS would continue the present study, with sample collection from the cells at the end of August and during mid-September, in anticipation of possible termination or interruption of the study with the close of the REM/FIT Contract on September 30. The EPA trailer which houses the GC used in analyzing the samples will be returned to the EPA

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in mid-September. An adequate allowance will be made in scheduling sample collection in September to ensure that these samples can be analyzed via the EPA lab. NUS is investigating the possible use of a similar GC owned by NUS and presently onsite in Michigan. Under REM III, use of this equipment requires negotiation of a rental rate with EBASCO and the EPA.

Although preliminary quantitative results were incomplete from the analysis of the first set of soil samples (t = 30 days), there appears to be some evidence of decay in the initial pesticide concentrations in some of the cells. Final preliminary quantitative results should be available by today. However, adequate data are not expected to enable NUS to establish a time rate of decay of the pesticides in order to determine whether the treatability study can be terminated with sample collection in mid-September. The likelihood is that at least some facet of the study will need to be continued beyond the end of the present REM/FIT Contract. It will be necessary for us to discuss the mechanism for transition of this work into REM III under EBASCO as soon as possible to avoid interruption of the work. I realize, however, that no firm commitments can be made by the Agency until the issue of Superfund reauthorization is resolved.

We committed to submittal of a report of the initial and t = 30 days analytical results within approximately two weeks.

The remainder of our meeting was devoted to a discussion of the experimental protocols for the radio-isotope study. Dr. Brunker indicated that the protocols presented by Mr. Hubbard, based on a search of the literature, appeared to be appropriate to the study. The issue of what material to use to trap the  $\rm CO_2$  off-gas (e.g., potassium hydroxide, phenylethylamine) should be resolved by contacting applications personnel at New England Nuclear. NUS should be aware that the  $\rm CO_2$  trapping material may react with the scintillation cocktail to produce "chemoluminesence" which may result in aberrant (high) scintillation counts. The occurrence of this phenomenon will be evaluated initially by conducting "aged" counts on a single sample to see if counts drop off after time, indicative of the phenomenon.

We then discussed the amount of the isotope to use. NUS will be obtaining uniformly ring-labeled DDT and DDE. Approximately one micro-Curie of each will be obtained. When ready for use, the radio-isotopes will be mixed with distilled water and diluted to a concentration sufficient to produce about 100 counts per minute (cpm) in the  $\rm CO_2$  collected. The actual amount of the isotope/distilled water mixture to be added to the soil samples will be dependent upon the concentration of the mixture, the assumed decay rate (and thus the labeled  $\rm CO_2$  generation rate) of the pesticides, and the interval over which the  $\rm CO_2$  trap will remain in contact with the atmosphere in the reaction vessel between scintillation counts. Mr. Hubbard will make the necessary calculations after he has had an opportunity to review the initial analytical results relative to the decay rate of the pesticides, and will submit them to Dr. Brunker for review.

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The estimated duration of the radio-isotope study will be about 30 days. Counts will be made daily for the first week, and the interval between  ${\rm CO}_2$  sample colllections will be adjusted thereafter based on the data obtained. A minimum of two replicates of each treatment cell will be configured. Initiation of the study is anticipated by the week of August 25. With this late date for initiation of the work, it is recognized that there is some risk that the study may have to be aborted without final completion near the close of the REM/FIT contract on September 30.

I understand from our conversation that EPA Region III is interested in having NUS continue on this project in a design and construction capacity. This was originally suggested in the context of the EPA "Contractor Continuity" Pilot Program. In terms of additional work beyond the bench scale treatability study, we discussed the need to engage in pilot-scale studies of the most promising treatments, possibly in conjunction with further-refined bench scale microbial degradation studies. It is possible that the pilot-scale studies could be initiated this winter. It will be important in scheduling of such studies, however, for us to be aware of the Superfund Comprehensive Accomplishments Plan (SCAP) commitments for the Leetown Site regarding design and construction.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and Dr. Brunker for taking the time to overview the treatability study set-up and to provide suggestions on the study.

Very truly yours,

John George Project Manager

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LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE TREATABILITY STUDY - PROGRESS REPORT #2

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Reaction vessels were configured from June 25 through June 28, 1986 to study the biodegradation of DDT and DDE by indigenous soil microorganisms. The influence of pH, soil moisture, temperature, and various soil amendments on the activity of such organisms was considered in devising the experimental design. Additional details are included in the file memo dated July 9, 1986 (C-34-7-6-113).

A sample was collected from each reaction vessel during the week of July 28, 1986. Samples were extracted and analyzed by Debra M. Scheib, using the gas chromatograph in the mobile laboratory. Holding time requirements for pesticide/PCB analysis (as specified under the EPA's Contract Laboratory Program) were satisfied.

Baseline (t=0) concentrations were determined at the time the cells were generated. The analytical results of the baseline analyses, as well as the results of the first sampling round (t=30 days) are included in the attachments.

Table 1 summarizes average values of the "degradation ratio" for all of the cell configurations (5 individual cells comprise each configuration). The degradation ratio was devised to facilitate a statistical analysis and is simply the concentration of DDT and DDE at time t=30 days divided by the concentration of the respective analyte at time t=0. Note that some of these values exceed unity. This is considered evidence of the heterogeneous nature of the pesticide contamination. However, increases in DDE concentrations were noted in a number of the anaerobic cells, and this is not believed to be result of matrix effects (as discussed further below).

The results were subjected to a statistical treatment (Analysis of Variance) to confirm or negate the null hypothesis (i.e., to determine if variance in sample means was caused by random fluctuations attributable to sampling and analysis). The results of the F-test indicated that variance in sample means is significant in all of the sets at a minimum level of significance of 0.05. Variance is significant in a number of the cells at much lower probability levels (i.e., as low as 0.005). The statistical treatment is outlined in detail in the attached sample calculation package. Table 2 summarizes experimental F values and literature F values for each of the sample populations considered.

Although it is apparent that non-homogeneity of contamination in the soil matrix may have had some effect on the results, several trends are evident in the analytical data that provide information regarding the applicability of various treatment techniques at the Leetown Site. Several of the treatment cells displayed favorable results for the degradation of both DDT and DDE. The composition of these cells will be used as a basis for configuration of cells for additional study using radio-labeled pesticides (i.e., ring-labeled DDT and DDE).

Results at 30 days should be considered an initial indication of the success, or lack thereof, in achieving degradation. At this phase of the study only a qualitative indication of promising degradation avenues is necessary. Quantitative results will be provided by the carbon 14 study through scintillation counts (if complete mineralization occurs) or through thin layer chromatography (if complete breakdown to carbon dioxide and water is not observed).

Figure 1 displays a schematic representation of the experimental design. Three main branches of the experiment are shown: a fungal degradation branch; an aerobic bacterial degradation branch; and an anaerobic bacterial degradation branch. The analytical results for each of these is discussed briefly below.

#### Fungal Branch (pH=4.5)

Several of the cell configurations for this branch gave favorable results for the degradation of both DDT and DDE. It was observed that the best results occurred in the cells containing only the natural soil. A possible hypothesis is that the presence of alternate food sources (such as the organic material in manure) inhibits the action of the low pH-favoring soil microorganisms on the pesticide compounds. It appears that increasing the temperature of the vessels is detrimental to the performance of the organisms in these cells.

## Aerobic Bacterial Branch (pH=7)

Favorable results were also observed in several of these cells. In contrast to the fungal cells, microorganisms operating under these conditions appear to perform better in the presence of alternate food sources. It is speculated that population growth is more pronounced for organisms in these cells, and that they compete for any available organic molecules, including the pesticides. It should be noted that most of the literature reports that aerobic bacteria are incapable of degrading DDT. However, it should be recognized that these species reside in an area with high background levels of these organochlorine pesticides. They are expected to be at least tolerant of these chemicals and have hopefully developed the capacity to enzymatically degrade them.

Some indication that degradation is favorable at higher temperatures is offered by the results. However, this evidence is not considered conclusive at this time. Difficulties were experienced in maintaining the soil moisture of the incubated vessels, and deionized water was added to the cells on several occasions. Because of the problems with dessication, results may be less conclusive than those operating under ambient

conditions. The ambient cells have not required the addition of moisture during the period of study.

#### Anaerobic Cells

Degradation of DDT was evident in several of these cells and appears to occur more rapidly at elevated temperatures. This is consistent with observations in the lab. The incubated anaerobic cells were generating gas at a much earlier date than the cells at room temperature (most of the ambient cells are still not evolving gas). DDE concentrations increased in a number of these cells (when contrasted with the baseline concentrations for This was also observed for DDT in a number of the amended soil matrix). the cells. For this reason it was considered likely that the baseline concentrations were somewhat lower than the true values and therefore the results from the thirty day samples were also contrasted with the baseline concentrations for the natural soil. Although DDE concentrations were generally lower when contrasted in this manner, they still did not indicate that any significant degradation has transpired. Overall, these results are consistent with other studies that have shown DDE to be a predominant degradation product of DDT under anaerobic conditions.

#### Summary

Based on the initial results of the degradation study, the anaerobic branch appears unsuitable for degrading both DDT and DDE. Some promise is evident for various aerobic configurations. The aerobic branches will be included in the radio-labeled pesticide study. Pending the concurrence of USEPA Region III, the following cells will be configured for the second phase of the study: low pH cells (i.e., pH approximately 4.5) without soil amendments and neutral pH cells (both amended and unamended cells).

DCC: Laura Boornazian (EPA Region III) Richard Brunker (EPA Region III)

TABLE 1 Page 1

## Fungal Cells (pH=4.5)

Cell Matrix	DDT	DDE
Soil Room Temperature	0.23	0.10
Soil T=35°C	0.25	1.67
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.48	0.17
Manure (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.35	0.35
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.66	0.19
Manure (10% by weight) T=35°C	1.31	1.36
Manure & Wood Chips (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.38	0.11
Manure & Wood Chips (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.47	0.18
Manure & Wood Chips (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.54	0.34
Manure & Wood Chips (10% by weight) T=35°C	1.06	1.23

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Table 1 Page 2

# Anaerobic Cells (Flooded, pH=7)\*\*

Cell Matrix	DDT	DDE
Soil Room Temperature	0.71	0.31
Soil T=35°C	0.198	0.70
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	2.06	0.98
Manure (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>o</sup> C	0.33	1.62
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	2.69	0.97
Manure (10% by weight) T=35°C	0.31	1.52
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) Room Temperature	1.06	1.74
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.28	1.59
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (10% by weight) Room Temperature	1.16	1.43
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (10% by weight) T=35°C	0.65	2.69

Table 1 Page 3

# Anaerobic Cells (Flooded, pH=7)\*\*\*

Cell Matrix	DDT	DDE
Soil Room Temperature	0.71	0.31
Soil T=35°C	0.198	0.70
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.53	0.3
Manure (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>O</sup> C	0.084	0.49
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.43	0.32
Manure (10% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.052	0.51
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.22	0.36
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.059	0.33
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.25	0.53
Anaerobic <b>Sewage Sludge</b> (10% by weight) T=35°C	0.14	1.00

Table 1 Page 4

## Aerobic Cells (pH=7)\*\*

Cell Matrix	DDT	DDE
Soil Room Temperature	0.159	0.999
Soil T=35°C	0.352	0.751
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.135	0.073
Manure (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.679	0.391
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.341	0.153
Manure (10% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.115	0.10

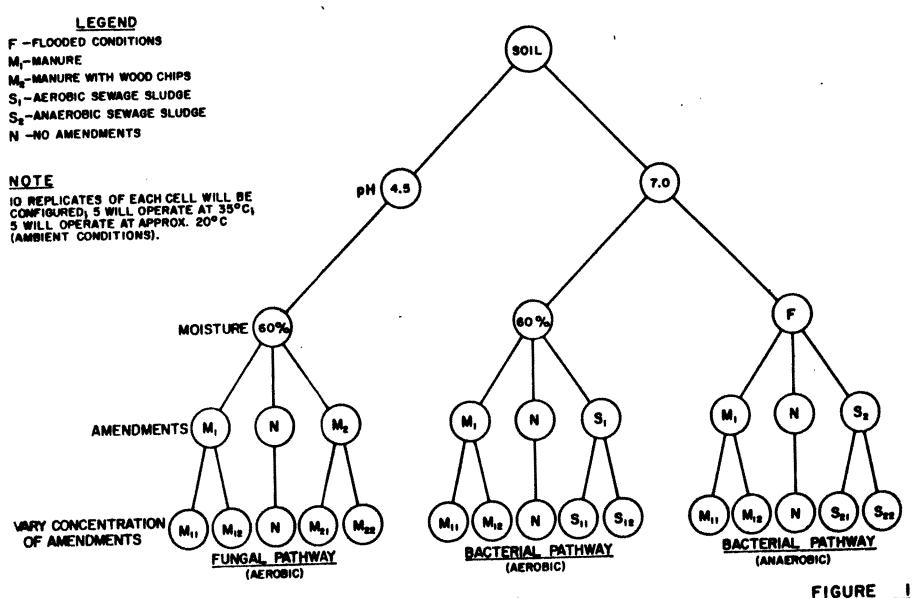
## Notes:

- \* DR= $(C_{DDT} @ t = 30 days)/(C_{DDT} @ t = 0)$
- \*\* Results based on baseline concentration of amended soil
- \*\*\* Results based on baseline concentration of unamended soil

TABLE 2

LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE, WV
MICROBIAL DEGRADATION TREATABILITY STUDY
EXPERIMENTAL VERSUS LITERATURE F VALUES

POPULATION	EXPERIMENT DDT	TAL F DDE	<u>0.05</u>	RATURE 0.01	<u>0.005</u>
Fungal Cells	2.5	3.9	2.12	2.89	3.22
Anaerobic Cells <sub>1</sub> (Amended Conc)	7.9	2.8	2.12	2.89	3.22
Anaerobic Cells <sub>2</sub> (Unamended Conc)	6.5	2.2	2.12	2.89	3.22
Aerobic Cells	1.0	8.9	2.62	3.90	4.49
All Cells (Using 1)	5.9	5.0	1.70	2.12	2.29
All Cells (Using 2)	2.9	3.8	1.70	2.12	2.29



TREATABILITY STUDY CELL CONFIGURATION
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PROGRESS REPORT #3

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A third round of samples were collected from the Leetown treatability study reaction vessels from September 5, 1986 through September 18, 1986. During the analysis of these samples, problems were encountered because of degradation of the chromatographic column. The column was replaced approximately halfway through the sampling and analysis program (September 12, 1986). This event extended the period of time necessary to complete the analytical work. No adverse effects on the analytical results are anticipated because of this problem.

Table 1 summarizes the analytical results for all samples collected to date. Included on the table are baseline results, results for the second sampling round at t = 30 days, and results for the third round at t = 60 days.

During the most recent round, results for some of the cells indicated that matrix effects are more severe than anticipated. The concentrations in several samples collected during the third sampling round were noted to be much higher than those determined during the second sampling round. Difficulties were especially pronounced in the cells containing 10% manure by weight (particularly those operating at the higher temperatures). The problems with these cells are clearly attributable to matrix interference effects.

Table 2 presents a summary of the "degradation ratio" for both the t = 30 day samples and the t = 60 day samples. The degradation ratios are simply the concentrations at t = 30 days and t = 60 days divided by the baseline (t = 0) Several points are evident from the degradation ratios concentration. presented in the table. It is apparent that the most promising results were obtained from the cells containing no amendments whatsoever. As discussed in Progress Report #2, this is considered evidence that the best degradation rates are achieved if alternate carbon sources are not available to the microorganisms. In addition, it is also apparent that the cells operating at ambient conditions also provide more favorable results. Difficulties encountered in maintaining the moisture levels in the incubated cells (T = 35°C) were not encountered in the cells operating at room temperature. It is felt that more meaningful results will be generated with the cells operating under ambient conditions. Since temperatures similar to those in the incubated cells (i.e.,  $T = 35^{\circ}C$ ) will be difficult to achieve in the field, it is also felt that the ambient cells will provide results more consistent with the ultimate field application of the process.

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Based on the results achieved to date, the general conclusion has been reached that the unamended samples (i.e., natural soil samples) operating at room temperature display the most promise. Based on these initial findings, a decision has been made to focus the remaining study on certain cells rather than on the entire group. During the fourth sampling round, samples will be collected from only the unamended (or natural soil) cells. With the exception of the anaerobic cells, only cells operating at room temperature will be sampled. Thus a total of 4 sets of cells will be sampled. Because of the desire to obtain more precise and representative results, 5 samples will be collected from each of the individual reaction vessels (5 vessels per treatment configuration). Thus a total of 100 samples will be collected during the fourth round. Similar samples will be collected during the 5th sampling round if funds are available at that time.

Contrast of the results obtained during the 4th and 5th sampling rounds originally proposed for October and November should provide final, conclusive evidence that substantial degradation has occurred in the selected cells.

Prior to expiration of the REM/FIT contract, the materials for the  $^{14}\mathrm{C}$  study were obtained. Labelled pesticides and biometric flasks were received from Pathfinder Laboratories, Inc. and Bellco Glass Company, respectively. This phase of the study will be implemented as soon as adequate funds are available to carry the isotopic study to completion.

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# Fungal Cells (pH=4.5)

<u>Cell Matrix</u>	$\frac{DDT}{t=30}$	<u>t=60</u>	DDE t=30	<u>t=60</u>
Soil Room Temperature	0.23	0. <del>053</del>	0.10	0.10
Soil T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.25	0.27	1.67	0.77
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.48	0.32	0.17	0.36
Manure (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.35	2.12	0.35	4.50
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.66	0.871	0.19	0.93
Manure (10% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	1.31	5.71	1.36	7.87
Manure & Wood Chips (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.38	0.28	0.11	0.27
Manure & Wood Chips (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.47	0.71	0.18	0.66
Manure & Wood Chips (10% by weight) Room Temperature	0.54	0.60	0.34	0.60
Manure & Wood Chips (10% by weight) T=35 <sup>O</sup> C	1.06	U	1.23	U

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# LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE, WY MICROBIAL DEGRADATION TREATABILITY STUDY DEGRADATION RATIO (DR)

## Anaerobic Cells (Flooded, pH=7)

Cell Matrix	$\frac{DDT}{t=30}$	t=60	$\frac{DDE}{t=30}$	<u>t=60</u>
Soil Room Temperature	0.71	0.11	0.31	0.18
Soil T=35°C	0.20	0.08	0.70	0.28
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	2.06	0.34	0.98	1.25
Manure (5% by weight) T=35°C	0.33	0.24	1.62	1.81
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	2.69	2.48	0.97	0.93
Manure (10% by weight) T=35°C	0.31	0.26	1.52	1.13
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) Room Temperature	1.06	0.54	1.74	0.55
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>0</sup> C	0.28	0.28	1.59	1.65
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (10% by weight) Room Temperature	1.16	0.40	1.43	0.95
Anaerobic Sewage Sludge (10% by weight) T=35°C	0.65	0.27	2.69	1.56

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## Aerobic Cells (pH=7)

Cell Matrix	$\frac{DDT}{t=30}$	t=60	$\frac{DDE}{t=30}$	<u>t=60</u>
Soil Room Temperature	0.16	0.20	0.06	0.25
Soil T=35°C	0.35	0.41	0.75	1.15
Manure (5% by weight) Room Temperature	0.522	0.75	<b>.0.07</b> 0.238	0.36
Manure (5% by weight) T=35 <sup>o</sup> C	0.68 2.64	1.20	<b>0.39</b> 1.29	2.06
Manure (10% by weight) Room Temperature	<b>D.34</b> 2.18	2.28	<b>D-15</b> 0 456	1.16
Manure (10% by weight) T=35 <sup>o</sup> C	<del>0.12</del> 0.7/6	5.81	_ <del>0.10</del> 0.297	7.06

#### Notes:

<sup>\* -</sup> DR= $(C_{DDT} @ t = 30 \text{ days or } t = 60 \text{ days})/(C_{DDT} @ t = 0)$ 

U - results unavailable. Sample extracts inadvertently destroyed.



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DATE

November 26, 1986

SUBJECT: Leetown Pesticide Treatability Study Data

**FROM** 

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Chemist

TO

Laura Boornazian (3HW21) Site Response Section

THRU : Patricia J. Krantz (3ES23) Chief, Quality Assurance Section

> As per your request, I have reviewed the data presented for t=0 to t=60 day from the Leetown Treatability Study. The information you sent plus verbal input from John Austin is the basis for this response.

The sample analysis done by NUS is a quick and dirty extraction with hexane. No cleanup of the extract is done. The identification of the pesticides is based on a one column confirmation. Although cost effective, the risks of relying on this data are:

- Strongly sorbed compounds may not be detected. DDT and metabolites are likely to fall into this category. The reported results may be low estimates of the actual concentration present.
- 2. Lack of extract cleanup allows interferences from naturally occurring organic matter to interfere with both identification and quantitation of the target compounds.
- Lack of standardized analytical protocol used in the mobile lab may introduce extraneous variability into the data set.

The analyses which will be performed by CRL as a lab split may provide some information to support the original feasibility design. CRL will utilize an exhaustive soxhlet extraction protocol and any necessary cleanups. The reported values will contain an estimate of even highly-sorbed constituents without counting extraneous organic matter as DDT or metabolites. If necessary, confirmation of the presence of interferences after routine cleanups may be obtained using an ion chromatograph at CRL. Since the data from the NUS-CRL lab split will be obtained through entirely different protocols, their results may not agree. Keep in mind that the data will be useful to determine which modifications (if any), are appropriate for future analytical work for this study.

In addition to analytical comments, I offer the following feedback. It is very difficult to see trends in the data using a table of "degredation ratios". Page 4-9 discusses use of ANOVA. I strongly recommend presenting the data using ANOVA. It is entirely possible (and likely) that the values which appear to be "creating" DDT and/or DDE are actually values containing false positives due to the organic matter in the samples. I do not agree with the proposal to ignore these study cells based on the information presented.

I recommend two action items to help define the quality of data in the presented tables:

- Description of actual methodology and routine QC performed in the mobile lab; and
- 2. ANOVA results in tabular form.

These two pieces in addition to the results of the lab split will be very beneficial in overall interpretation of the treatability data. It may be appropriate to request ESD assistance in interpretation once all the additional information is combined.

cc: John Austin (3ES21)
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Ms. Laura Boornazian (3HW21) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region III 841 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Subject: REM III PROGRAM - EPA CONTRACT NO. 68-01-7250

SUMMARY OF REVISIONS TO MICROBIAL INVESTIGATION TREATABILITY STUDY FROM FINAL WORK PLAN (JUNE 1986)

#### Dear Laura:

Enclosed please find copies of the three Leetown Pesticide Site Treatability Study progress reports submitted to date. These enclosures outline, in detail, the work accomplished with the exception of the most recent round of sampling and analysis. The attached progress reports present information relative to the following sampling rounds:

- Progress Report No. 1 One hundred and thirty (130) reaction vessels were generated from June 25 through 29, 1986. Baseline (t=0) samples were collected and analyzed.
- Progress Report No. 2 One hundred and thirty (130) reaction vessels were sampled and DDT/DDE analysis was performed during the week of July 28, 1986.
- Progress Report No. 3 One hundred and thirty (130) reaction vessels were sampled and DDT/DDE analysis was performed during the period of September 5 through September 18, 1986.

During the most recent (fourth) sampling round, only four sets of five cells were sampled, as per our discussion. Five samples were obtained from each of the following sets of cells (5 cells per set):

- Natural soil, pH=7.0, room temperature, aerobic conditions.
- Natural soil, pH=4.5, room temperature, aerobic conditions.
- Natural soil, pH=7.0, room temperature, anaerobic conditions.
- Natural soil, pH=7.0, T=35°C, anaerobic conditions.

Analysis of these samples has been completed. Once the data have been compiled, an evaluation will be performed, including a complete analysis of variance (ANOVA), and a progress report will be submitted.

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Twelve (12) samples were shipped to the EPA Central Regional Laboratory (CRL) in Annapolis on December 9, 1986 for confirmatory analysis. Ten samples were submitted for pesticide analysis only. Two samples were submitted for full Superfund Hazardous Substances List analysis as per your request.

One hundred samples were collected and analyzed during the most recent sampling round, so that 12% of the samples were submitted for confirmation. A copy of the NUS field screening extraction and analytical protocol was sent to the EPA CRL with the samples. I have enclosed two copies of the protocol for your information.

As per your request I have reviewed the Scope of Work outlined in the Work Plan for the Leetown Pesticide Site Treatability Study. In addition to the fourth sampling round, which was not included in the original scope of work, the following deviations are noted:

- The original period of performance was to have been from late June through mid-September, constrained by the close of the contract period on September 30, 1986. Sampling was originally to have been done at periods of approximately 30 days, with three rounds completed by mid-September. With the concurrence of Mr. Ed Schoener of your office we agreed to update the progress of the work with technical memoranda following the conclusion of analysis and quantitation of the results of each of the sampling tasks. The artificial constraint of the end of the REM/FIT contract was removed with the understanding that the work would proceed beyond September, under the present REM III contract.
- Two sets of cells consisting of an aerobic sludge/soil mixture were not configured at the outset of the study. A suitable aerobic sludge could not be obtained. Two sludges were obtained from local sewage treatment plants but both were essentially aqueous. An attempt to filter solids from these aqueous solutions was unsuccessful. Based on the fact that there is no evidence indicating that aerobic microorganisms are capable of degrading 4,4'-DDE and because a suitable sludge could not be obtained, a decision was made to delete these cells from the study.
- As per the request of Dr. Richard Brunker of your office, cells were configured for a photolytic degradation study. These cells consisted of ultraviolet-transmissive plastic containers. These cells were placed in

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> an area where they would receive as much sunlight as possible (i.e., on a roof area with a southern exposure). Unfortunately, these cells were destroyed during a wind storm several months ago. Only baseline samples had been collected from these cells prior to the storm.

Please contact Mr. John George or myself if you have any comments or questions.

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EPA WORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 106-3L52

NUS PROJECT NO. 372Y.01

A fourth round of samples was obtained from the Leetown Pesticide Site Treatability Study cells during the period ranging from November 25 through December 2, 1986. Samples were analyzed using gas chromatography equipment housed in a mobile laboratory rented from the NUS office in Lansing, Michigan during the period from December 2 through December 8, 1986. Samples were refrigerated during the period between sampling and analysis.

As outlined in Progress Report No. 3 (dated September 29, 1986; NUS Correspondence No. C-34-9-6-43), four sets of five cells each were selected for sampling and analysis during the fourth sampling round. The decision to sample only four of the thirteen total cell configurations was based on the fact that the selected cells had exhibited the most promising results during the second and third sampling rounds. Some deviation to the original scope of work was made in this respect. As outlined in the original work plan, it was intended that all cells be sampled three times during the course of the Treatability Study. In view of the promising results obtained for the selected cells and as a result of the desire to collect numerous samples for statistical analysis, 100 samples were obtained, rather than 130. In the past only one sample had been obtained from each of the five separate cells constituting each cell configuration. During the most recent sampling round, a total of five samples were collected from each of the selected cells. Thus, 25 samples of each of the selected cell configurations were obtained. Split samples were collected from some cells and submitted to the EPA laboratory in Annapolis for confirmation analysis. The quantity of soil remaining in the cells sampled during the fourth round may introduce some limitations on the amount of sampling that can be conducted in the future.

The cell configurations selected for sampling and analysis were as follows:

Cell Configurati	on Matrix	<u>рН</u>	Temperature	Oxygen Conditions
NS-7-R-AN NS-7-I-AN NS-4-R-A	Natural Soil Natural Soil Natural Soil	7.0 7.0 4.5	20 <sup>0</sup> C 35 <sup>0</sup> C 20 <sup>0</sup> C	Anaerobic Anaerobic Aerobic
NS-7-R-A	Natural Soil	7.0	20°C	Aerobic

The analytical results for each of the 25 samples from each of the above cell configurations are included in the attached statistical summaries. The results were subjected to Analysis of Variance (ANOVA) to determine if 1) there is any statistically significant difference between the various samples

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collected from each of the individual treatment cells comprising each cell configuration (i.e., does the overall average for these samples provide a representative population mean), and 2) is there a significant difference in DDT and DDE concentrations from one cell configuration (i.e., treatment) to the next. To meet these objectives, ANOVA was first performed using the 5 sets of 5 sample results for each individual treatment cell. Matrices with dimensions of 5 x 5 were generated. The results of the statistical analysis conducted in this manner are presented on pages 3 through 8 of the attached computer printouts. A summary of the statistical analysis for this application is provided in Table 1. An example of one of the statistical printouts has been included with the attachment, with hand-written notes to clarify the information presented.

The results obtained from the aforementioned statistical analyses were then employed to contrast the variations between the individual cell configurations. The average values calculated from the five samples from each individual cell in a given configuration were entered as representative concentrations for that cell. A matrix of dimensions  $4 \times 5$  was generated and subjected to ANOVA, as shown on pages 1 and 2 of the attached printouts. The results of the statistical comparison for the various cell configurations are provided in Table 2.

It should be noted that during previous sampling rounds it had become evident that matrix effects (i.e., heterogeneity in the sample cells) had resulted in highly variable results between each of the 5 cells comprising each configuration. In view of this difficulty, Ms. Laura Boornazian, the EPA Regional Project Manager (RPM) at EPA Region III, suggested that a different sampling approach be used during the fourth sampling round. Ms. Boornazian suggested that approximately one third of the remaining soil in each cell be removed and thoroughly mixed prior to analysis. This recommendation was implemented, and the results obtained for samples obtained in this manner are more consistent from one cell to the next. It is apparent that replicate samples taken from the same cell result in a more accurate average value for a No statistical statement can be made regarding the accuracy of results obtained during the second and third sampling rounds because only one sample was obtained from each cell. The results of the most recent sampling round and the implications of these results are discussed in more detail below.

Table 1 summarizes the statistical results for each of the four cell configurations sampled and analyzed during the fourth round. The average concentrations, standard deviations from the average concentration, average degradation ratio (i.e., the average of the concentrations from the fourth round divided by the baseline soil concentration), the standard deviation of the degradation ratios from their population mean, and the F ratio calculated using ANOVA are presented in the table. Literature values of F values are also included on the table for comparative purposes.

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As can be seen from the tabulated values, virtually all of the F values fall below the literature value provided for the 0.01 level of significance. This indicates that the results for the five sets of five samples for each cell configuration do not differ significantly from one set to the next. Hence the average concentration calculated for each cell configuration is representative of the population mean. Virtually the only cell in which a significant difference in the variance between cells versus the variance within cells was noted was in the DDE results for cell configuration NS-7-R-A. This indicates that there is a significant difference (at the 0.001 level) between the average concentrations for each set of 5 samples. It is apparent that some variance was introduced during generation of these cells.

As shown on Table 2 there is a statistically significant difference between the various cell configurations. The F Ratios calculated using the average values for all 25 cells in each configuration are in excess of 10.0 for both DDT and DDE. This implies that there is only a 0.1% probability that the null hypothesis (i.e., the various cell configurations are from populations with the same mean) is true for the different cell configurations.

The statistical results appear consistent with the expected results. The fact that the individual results for a given cell configuration were generally consistent validates the sample collection and analytical protocols. In addition, it was anticipated that significant differences between various cell configurations would be obtained. Once again, this is evident from the statistical analysis.

It is apparent from review of the fourth round concentrations and degradation ratios that certain cell configurations display more promising results than others.

- $\bullet$  DDT degradation appears to be most prounounced under anaerobic conditions at 35 $^{\circ}$ C.
- DDE degradation appears to be most pronounced under aerobic conditions, at room temperature, in the acidic cells.

These results are generally consistent with the anticipated results. The degradation of DDT under anaerobic conditions is documented in the literature, whereas the acidic cells were included in the study in an attempt to induce fungal degradation of the DDE.

Table 3 presents a summary of degradation rate constants calculated using the baseline soil concentrations. Two values are presented, one based on the assumption that degradation obeys zeroth order kinetics (i.e., a linear relationship), and one based on the assumption that degradation obeys first order kinetics (i.e., a logarithmic relationship). The intermediate results for these cells (i.e., those obtained during the second and third sampling rounds) have not been included in the calculation of these rate constants because of their questionable accuracy, as previously discussed. The expressions used to determine the rate constants are as follows:

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Oth Order Kinetics:  $k = (C_0 - C_4)/t$  (linear)

<u>1st Order Kinetics:</u>  $k = ln(C_0/C_4)/t$  (logarithmic)

The Oth order rate constant is derived based on the assumption that the degradation of DDT and DDE are independent of both the substrate (contaminant) concentration and the concentration of the enzymes (a function of the microbial population). The 1st order rate constant is derived based on the assumption that the degradation rate is contingent only upon the concentrations of DDT and DDE. Although it is likely that the rate constant depends on both the substrate and enzyme concentrations (e.g., Michaelis-Menton kinetics), no basis for identifying the enzyme or quantifying their concentrations is available.

Inspection of the rate constants (for a given analyte) presented in Table 3 indicates that they are remarkably similar from one cell configuration to the next. Thus, it appears that there may be some phenomenon causing depletion of the contaminant concentrations other than microbial degradation. Of all the potential explanations for such a phenomenon, evaporative losses are considered the most plausible. Although the vapor pressures of DDT and DDE are low, there can be no doubt that some losses because of evaporation have occurred. Note, however, that evaporation should be greater in those cells that are open to the atmosphere than in those that are sealed (i.e., the anaerobic vessels). The analytical results do not indicate that there is a substantial difference between the anaerobic cells versus the aerobic cells. Thus, while evaporative losses are considered possible, there is not overwhelming evidence of this in the analytical results.

As a result of the review of the most recent round of sampling data it is felt that the anaerobic vessels operating under incubated conditions represents the best method of degrading DDT. The DDT and DDE in these cells are less subject to evaporation, yet there has apparently been substantial degradation of both contaminants. Although the degradation of DDE in these cells is not as pronounced as in the other cells, it is apparent that some degradation of DDE has occurred. Although the initial literature review indicated that degradation of DDE does not occur under anaerobic conditions, it is apparent that degradation of DDE by microorganisms indigenous to the contaminated Leetown soil may be induced.

The treatability study thus far has indicated that both DDT and DDE degradation may be effected under anaerobic conditions. Robinson property pesticide action levels (i.e., accepted pesticide residuals in soil following treatment) have been established in the Record of Decision (ROD) and are noted below:

- Former Pesticide Pile Area Total DDT and metabolites = 300 ug/kg.
- Former Pesticide Mixing Area Total DDT and metabolites = 1200 ug/kg.

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Establishment of anaerobic, adiabatic treatment cells may be the most effective means of reaching the desired action levels for DDT and its metabolites. At the present time, the best degradation of both analytes has occurred in the incubated, anaerobic vessel. The average total concentration of DDT and DDE remaining in the incubated, anaerobic vessel after approximately 160 days is about 820 ug/kg, based on NUS-analytical results. Hopefully the results for the most recent round of sampling will be confirmed in split samples submitted to the EPA Annapolis laboratory. These results have not been received to date.

If the 1st order rate constants presented in Table 3 apply to the microbial degradation of DDT and DDE, and if it is assumed that the composited soil from the pesticide pile area at Leetown will be roughly similar to the baseline concentrations of the soil composited from the Robinson property (i.e., approximately 7000 ug/kg DDT and 1000 ug/kg DDE) the length of time required to reach the desired action levels may be estimated using the following expression:

DDT(t) + DDE(t) = Action Level =

7000 ug/kg  $\exp(-1.5x10^{-2}t) + 1000$  ug/kg  $\exp(-8.8x10^{-3}t) = 300$  ug/kg

This expression does not lend itself to a closed-form solution for time (t), but trial and error can be used to determine that approximately 8 months (i.e., between 240 and 245 days) will be required to reach the desired action level. The assumption of a baseline concentration of approximately 8,000 ug/kg may be lower than the actual concentration since the analytical protocol is biased towards achieving better results at low concentrations. Previous analytical results for split samples submitted to the Annapolis lab indicate that the NUS field screening protocols may underestimate concentrations if analytes are present at high levels. Thus, the operating period required to achieve the specified action levels may be greater than that derived above.

At this point, EPA Region III will be consulted regarding the applicability of the adiabatic, anaerobic treatment configuration, for pilot scale study. Additional study of this cell configuration, including further sampling and analysis of the cells and commencement of the carbon-14 study (using at least this configuration) may be warranted. Additional sampling of the incubated, anaerobic cells will confirm or negate the results of the fourth sampling round. Adequate material (soil) remains for one full laboratory analysis. If several months are allowed to pass before additional samples are collected, it may be possible to demonstrate that the desired action level has been achieved or is being approached. In addition, some study of the toxicity of the metabolites present in the incubated, anaerobic vessel is probably warranted (i.e., an Ames toxicity test) to demonstrate that the metabolites are less toxic than the parent compounds. It may be possible to identify some of the metabolites through Thin Layer Chromotography (TLC) or Gas Chromotography/Mass Spectrometry (GC/MS).

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At this point in the treatability study it is felt that the primary issue relative to the efficacy of the microbial degradation scheme is the toxicity and environmental mobility of the metabolites present in the incubated, anaerobic vessels. Before any additional study of degradation (e.g., the carbon-14 study) is undertaken, some effort should be made to ensure that the treatment scheme results in generation of non-toxic (or less toxic, immobile) species of chlorinated hydrocarbons. If it can be demonstrated that the metabolites are not hazardous, further study of the degradation rates at the bench scale will provide the information necessary to devise the pilot scale study.

## TABLE 1 ANOVA BETWEEN CELLS WITHIN EACH CONFIGURATION TREATABILITY STUDY LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE FOURTH SAMPLING ROUND

CELL	AVERAGE CONCEN.	STANDARD DEVIATION	AVERAGE DEGRAD.	STANDARD DEVIATION	F RATIO
DDT:					
NS-7-R-AN	2600	1100	0.38	0.16	3.6
NS-7-I-AN	630	660	0.092	0.097	1.7
NS-7-R-A	2200	750	0.33	0.11	2.4
NS-4-R-A	2100	920	0.31	0.13	1.9
DDE:					
NS-7-R-AN	84	37	0.11	0.048	0.19
NS-7-I-AN	190	100	0.24	0.13	0.65
NS-7-R-A	91	47	0.12	0.061	11
NS-4-R-A	71	29	0.092	0.037	0.59

F VALUES	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE	F VALUE
0.100	2.25
0.050	2.87
0.025	3.29
0.010	4.43
0.005	5.17
0.001	7.10

#### NOTES:

- 1. All concentrations presented in ug/kg (parts per billion).
- 2. Average degradation based on average of 25 samples divided by baseline soil concentrations (DDT = 6822 ug/kg; DDE = 772 ug/kg).

  3. Standard deviation determined using average concentations for all 25
- cells.
- 4. F Values presented are for (k-1) = (5-1) = 4 vertical degrees of freedom, and k(n-1) = 5(5-1) = 20 horizontal degrees of freedom.
- 5. Source of F values Standard Mathematical Tables, 22nd Ed., CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, 1974.

## TABLE 2 ANOVA BETWEEN CELL CONFIGURATIONS TREATABILITY STUDY LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE FOURTH SAMPLING ROUND

CELL	AVERAGE CONCEN.	STANDARD DEVIATION	AVERAGE DEGRAD.	STANDARD DEVIATION	F RATIO
DDT:	1900	560	0.28	0.082	12
DDE:	110	29	0.14	0.038	17

F VALUES	
LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE	F VALUE
0.005	6.30
0.001	9.00

### **NOTES:**

1. All concentrations presented in ug/kg (parts per billion).

2. Average degradation based on average of 100 sample concentrations divided by baseline soil concentrations (DDT = 6822 ug/kg; DDE = 772 ug/kg).

Standard deviation derived as square root of average of variances for 4 different cell configurations (25 samples per cell configuration). See attached printouts for statistical summaries.

F Values presented are for (k-1) = (4-1) = 3 vertical degrees of freedom, and k(n-1) = 4(5-1) = 16 horizontal degrees of freedom.
 Source of F values - <u>Standard Mathematical Tables</u>, 22nd Ed., CRC Press, Boca Raton, Florida, 1974.

# TABLE 3 DEGRADATION RATE CONSTANTS TREATABILITY STUDY LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE FOURTH SAMPLING ROUND

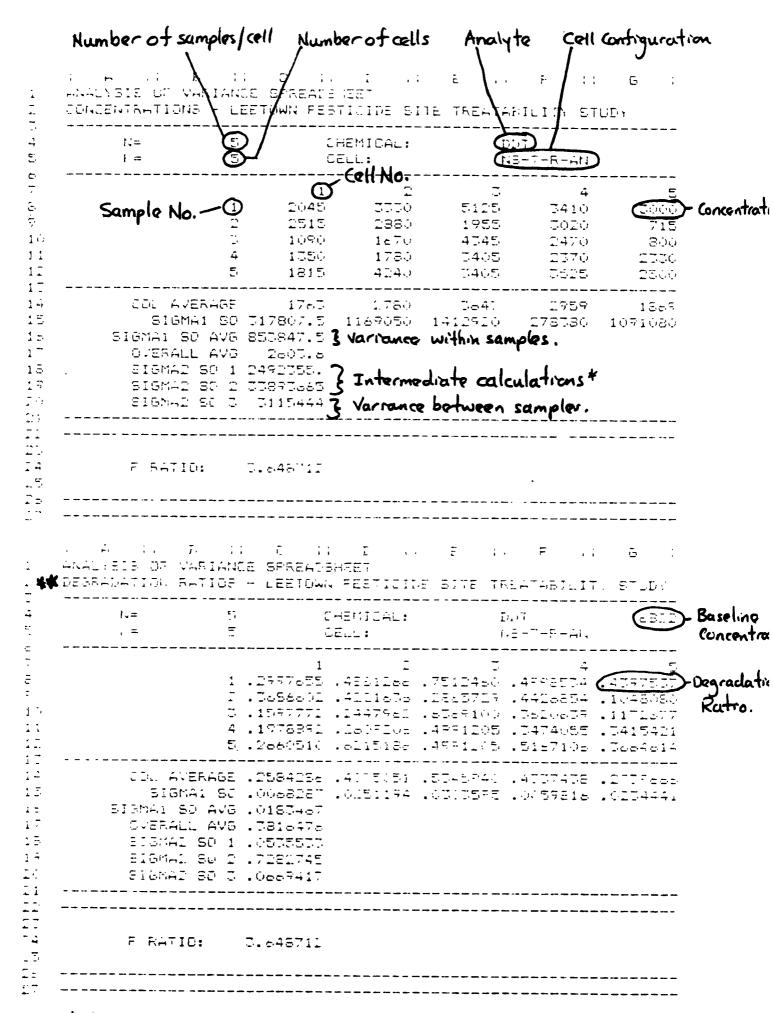
		k (Rate Constant)				
ANALYTE	CELL	OTH ORDER (ug/kg/day)	1ST ORDER (day-1)			
DDT:	NS-7-R-AN	26	$6.0 \times 10^{-3}$			
	NS-7-I-AN	39	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$			
	NS-7-R-A	29	$7.0 \times 10^{-3}$			
	NS-4-R-A	30	$7.4 \times 10^{-3}$			
DDE:	NS-7-R-AN	4.3	1.4 X 10 <sup>-2</sup>			
	NS-7-I-AN	3.6	$8.8 \times 10^{-3}$			
	NS-7-R-A	4.3	$1.5 \times 10^{-2}$			
	NS-4-R-A	4.4	$8.8 \times 10^{-2}$			

## NOTES:

- 1. Rate constants derived using t = 160 days.
- 2. Results presented to two significant figures.

## **SAMPLE CALCULATIONS:**

- 1. Oth order kinetics, DDT, NS-7-R-AN:
  - k = (6,822 ug/kg 2,603 ug/kg)/160 days = 26 ug/kg/day
- 2. 1st order kinetics, DDT, NS-7-R-AN:
  - $k = \ln((6,822 \text{ ug/kg})/(2,603 \text{ ug/kg}))/160 \text{ days} = 6.0 \times 10^{-3} \text{ days}^{-1}$



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## UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### **REGION III** CENTRAL REGIONAL LABORATORY 839 BESTGATE ROAD ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

301-224-2740 FTS-922-3752

DATE

: January 15, 1987

SUBJECT:

Pesticide Analysis - Leetown, W. Va. Superfund-Remedial, (12/11/86 - 1/9/87), 861211-01 - 12

**FROM** 

Kayser

Chemist

TO

John Austin

Acting Chief, Annapolis Laboratory

Samples were soxhlet extracted and analyzed for pesticides.

## Sample Description:

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## QA Check:

Breakdown DDT <10% Breakdown Endrin <20%

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#### **REGION III** CENTRAL REGIONAL LABORATORY 839 BESTGATE ROAD ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

301-224-2740 FTS-922-3752

DATE

: January 16, 1987

SUBJECT: Pesticide Report for Leetown, WV.

**FROM** 

: John Austin (3ES21)

Acting Chief, Annapol's Laboratory

TO

: Laura Boornazian (3HW21)

Enclosed is the pesticide report for Leetown, WV. If you have any questions, you can contact Rosemary Kayser directly.

JA:jr

Enclosure a/s

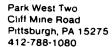
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4,4'DDE	72-55-9	1.6	N.D.	91%				
4,4'DDT	50-29-3	21.8	N.D.	82%				
1,4'DDD		0.4	N.D.	89%				
Heptachlor	76-44-8		N.D.	93%				

N.D. = None Detected

# PESTICIDE/PCBS PRIORITY POLLUTANT COMPOUND DETECTION LIMITS

Parameter	Cas <u>Number</u>	Soil/Sediment mg/kg
Aldrin	309-00-2	0.03
Alpha BHC	319-84-6	0.02
Alpha Endosulfan	959-98-8	0.05
Beta BHC	319-85-7	0.04
Beta Endosulfan	33213-65-9	0.1
Chlordane	57-74-9	0.4
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4,4'DDE	72-55-9	0.06
4,4'DDT	50-29-3	0.16
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Delta BHC	319-86-8	0.04
Dieldrin	60-57-1	0.06
Endosulfan Sulfate	1031-07-8	0.3
Endrin	72-20-8	0.09
Endrin Aldehyde	7421-93-4	0.23
Gamma BHC (Lindane)	58-89-9	0.02
Heptachlor	76-44-8	0.02
Heptachlor Epoxide	1024-57-3	0.04
Toxaphene	8001-35-2	4.0
PCB 1016	12674-11-2	0.4
PCB 1221	11104-28-2	1.0
PCB 1232	11141-16-5	1.0
PCB 1242	53469-21-9	0.5
PCB 1248	12672-29-6	0.8
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January 22, 1987 NUSP/87-0035 NA

Ms. Laura Boornazian Remedial Project Manager U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region III 814 Chestnut Street Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

Subject: REM III PROGRAM - EPA CONTRACT NO. 68-01-7250

LEETOWN PESTICIDE SITE, WEST VIRGINIA

EVALUATION OF PRESENT STATUS

#### Dear Laura:

As we had discussed on January 20, I believe that a meeting between the EPA, Ebasco Services, and NUS Corporation is required in the near future to formally evaluate the results of the bench scale microbial degradation treatability study and to establish direction to proceed with the studies. We would prefer to schedule such a meeting in early February, if possible.

As a result of the work done since last June, and particularly based on the results from the fourth round of sampling in December 1986, NUS feels that the indigenous microbial population can be utilized in reducing DDT concentrations in Leetown soils. While we originally based our evaluation of the health threats associated with these contaminated soils on inhalation of fugitive dusts by farmers plowing the soil, we believe that a toxicity test (e.g., Ames Toxicity Test) and full, replicate Hazardous Substances List (HSL) scans should be run on the soils from the anaerobic, incubated cells at this point. If the soils prove to be non-toxic, and no HSL parameters are found that could give rise to excess health risk, then we can utilize the DDT risk-based action levels established in the Remedial Investigation Risk Assessment as the criterion for evaluating the success of the microbial degradation.

As you will recall, we did note in our phone conversation that the formerly incubated cells have been held at room temperature since mid-December due to a malfunction of the incubator. While this development may affect the reaction rate in these cells, the DDT action levels had been achieved through mid-December, and the fact that the cells are not presently being incubated should not adversely influence their amenability to further chemical analysis.

We do not believe that the treated soils will prove to be toxic, and, indeed, may not have tested so prior to treatment. We also do not believe that HSL scans of the treated soils will evidence

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any metabolites of DDT that would pose a greater health risk than that present due to the pesticides. To support this, no peaks were evident on the chromatograms between DDT and DDE, indicating few, if any, metabolites present in the samples with similar molecular weights to DDT and/or DDE.

At the Region's request, we had considered the possibility of conducting a study using radio-labeled (C-14) pesticides to assist in determining the degree to which the DDT present in the original soil is completely mineralized to carbon dioxide and water. However, the bench scale study has demonstrated the ability of the microbes to reduce pesticide levels in the soils, and if the treated soils do not evidence any toxicity we believe that the C-14 study at this point would be somewhat academic.

The basic premise for the study is that labeled CO2 off-gas can be trapped on an adsorbent medium replaced at periodic intervals. By counting the activity of the adsorbent material, quantification of the mineralization can be achieved. We are aware of several difficulties with conducting this study that may affect the results. In particular, the study may not be sensitive to evaporative losses of labeled pesticides from the soil, resulting in their contaminating the adsorbent material and artificially elevating activity. It would not be possible to quantify the degradation via mass balance, since we would be adding a known quantity of labeled pesticide to an already contaminated medium, i.e., the Leetown soils. Use of Leetown soils may be crucial to the success of the degradation, since indigenous microbes appear to be successful in degrading the DDT. A calculated quantity of labeled pesticide material must be added to the soil to ensure that enough mineralization occurs to produce measurable activity levels. This additional pesticide contamination may have an adverse impact on the microbes.

We would like the opportunity to discuss the utility of the C-14 Study in the light of the most recent bench scale results. If we elect to proceed with the toxicity tests and HSL scans, and the results are as expected, we feel that immediate plans should be made to establish a more controlled bench scale study, in parallel with a pilot scale test of the technology at the Leetown Site. Such a meeting is not presently within our scope of work. An amendment to our Work Assignment, which would provide the

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funds to develop a Work Plan to pursue the C-14 Study, is currently pending Ebasco authorization. As we had suggested during our phone conversation, a portion of these funds would be better used at this time to conduct a project meeting prior to further work. You had indicated that you would consider this approach, and advise Ebasco accordingly. We will await your direction before proceeding.

Very truly yours,

John A. George V

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cc: E. Shoener (EPA Region III)

R. Evans (Ebasco)
W. Mendez (Ebasco)

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